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- [Letter] 1939 Nov. 9 [Toronto to unknown recipient] / [Emma Goldman].
- [Letter] 1939 Nov. 10 [Toronto to] Louis [Frank, Paris] / [Emma Goldman].

- [Letter] 1939 Nov. 10, Toronto [to] Eva Brandes, [Crompond, N.Y.] / Emma Goldman.
- [Letter] 1939 Nov. 10 [Toronto to] Anna [Olay, Chicago] / [Emma Goldman].
- [Letter] 1939 Nov. 10, Toronto [to] Milly [Witcop Rocker, Los Angeles] / Emma Goldman.
- [Letter] 1939 Nov. 11, Toronto [to] L[ucille] B. Milner, New York / Emma Goldman.
- [Letter] 1939 Nov. 11 [Toronto to] Jeanne [Levey, Chicago] / E[mma] G[oldman].
- [Letter] 1939 Nov. 11 [Toronto to] Bernard and Emma Shane, [Montreal] / [Emma Goldman].
- [Letter, 19]39 Nov. 13, Toronto [to M. Eleanor] Fitz[gerald, New York] / Emma Goldman.
- [Letter] 1939 Nov. 13, Toronto [to J.] Silverstein, [Winnipeg] / Emma Goldman.
- [Letter] 1939 Nov. 13, New York [to] E[mma] G[oldman], Toronto / F. Gonzalez.
- [Letter] 1939 Nov. 13, Chicago [to] Emma [Goldman, Toronto] / Anna Olay.
- [Letter] 1939 Nov. 13 [New York to] E[mma] G[oldman, Toronto] / Nick Di Domenico.
- [Letter] 1939 Nov. 13, Chicago [to] Emma Goldman, [Toronto] / Ben [L. Reitman].
- [Letter] 1939 Nov. 14 [New York to] Emma Goldman, Toronto / L[ucille] B. M[ilner].
- [Letter, 19]39 Nov. 14 [Los Angeles to] Emma [Goldman, Toronto] / Milly [Witcop Rocker].
- [Letter] 1939 Nov. 15 [Toronto to] Malcolm Cowley, New York / [Emma Goldman].
- [Letter] 1939 Nov. 16 [Toronto to] N[ick Di] D[omenico, New York] / [Emma Goldman].
- [Letter] 1939 Nov. 16 [Toronto to James] Heney, [Port Arthur, Canada] / [Emma Goldman].
- [Letter] 1939 Nov. 16 [Toronto to F.] Gonzalez, [New York] / [Emma Goldman].
- [Letter, 1939] Nov. 16, Chicago [to] Emma [Goldman, Toronto] / Jeanne [Levey].
- [Letter, 19]39 Nov. 17, Toronto [to] Harry [Kelly, New York] / Emma Goldman.
- [Letter] 1939 Nov. 17 Toronto [to] Milly [Witcop Rocker, Los Angeles] / [Emma Goldman].
- [Letter, 19]39 Nov. 17, Toronto [to M. Eleanor] Fitz[gerald and] Pauline [Turler, New York] / Emma Goldman.
- [Letter] 1939 Nov. 17, Chicago [to] Emma [Goldman, Toronto] / [Maximiliano] O[lay].
- [Letter] 1939 Nov. 18, Toronto [to] Harry [Kelly, New Rochelle, N.Y.] / Emma Goldman.
- [Letter] 1939 Nov. 18 [Toronto to Maximiliano] Olay, [Chicago] / [Emma Goldman].
- [Letter] 1939 Nov. 20, Toronto [to] Herbert [Read, Beaconsfield, England] / Emma [Goldman].
- [Letter] 1939 Nov. 20, Toronto [to] Samuel Freedman, New York / Emma Goldman.
- [Letter] 1939 Nov. 20 [Toronto to Nick Di] Domenico, [New York] / [Emma Goldman].
- [Letter] 1939 Nov. 20, Toronto [to J.] Silverstein, [Winnipeg] / Emma Goldman.
- [Letter] 1939 Nov. 20 [Toronto to] Jeanne [Levey, Chicago] / [Emma Goldman].
- [Letter] 1939 Nov. 20, Port Arthur [Canada to] E[mma] Goldman, Toronto / James Heney.

- [Letter] 1939 Nov. 20, New Rochelle, N.Y. [to] Emma [Goldman, Toronto] / Harry [Kelly].
- [Letter] 1939 Nov. 21, Toronto [to J.] Silverstein, [Winnipeg] / Emma Goldman.
- [Letter, 1939] Nov. 21 [Toronto to Simon Radowitzky, Mexico City] / Emma [Goldman].
- [Letter] 1939 Nov. 21, Brooklyn [to] Emma [Goldman, Toronto] / Sidney Solomon.
- [Letter, 19]39 Nov. 21 [Los Angeles to] Emma [Goldman, Toronto] / Milly [Witcop Rucker].
- [Letter] 1939 Nov. 22 [Toronto to Nick Di Domenico, New York] / [Emma Goldman].
- [Letter] 1939 Nov. 22 [Toronto to] Minna Lowensohn, [New York] / [Emma Goldman].
- [Letter] 1939 Nov. 22, Toronto [to] Ben [L. Reitman, Chicago] / Emma Goldman.
- [Letter] 1939 Nov. 22, Port Arthur [Canada to] E[mma] Goldman, Toronto / James Heney.
- [Letter] 1939 Nov. 22 [New York to] E[mma Goldman, Toronto] / N[ick] Di Domenico.
- [Letter] 1939 Nov. 23 [Toronto to James] Heney [Port Arthur, Canada] / [Emma Goldman].
- [Letter] 1939 Nov. 23 [Toronto to] Sidney [Solomon, New York] / [Emma Goldman].
- [Letter] 1939 Nov. 23 [Toronto to Marcelino Garcia, New York] / [Emma Goldman].
- [Letter] 1939 Nov. 23, Paris [to] Emm[a Goldman, Toronto] / Mollie [Steimer].
- [Letter] 1939 Nov. 24 [Toronto to] Anna [Olay, Chicago] / [Emma Goldman].
- [Letter, 1939 Nov. 24] Newark, N.J. [to Emma Goldman, Toronto] / Nick Di Domenico.
- [Letter] 1939 Nov. 25, Toronto [to] Rose [Pesotta, Boston] / Emma Goldman.
- [Letter] 1939 Nov. 25 [Toronto to] Freda Kirchwey, New York / [Emma Goldman].
- [Letter] 1939 Nov. 25, Toronto [to J.] Silverstein, [Winnipeg] / Emma Goldman.
- [Letter] 1939 Nov. 25, New York [to] Emma [Goldman, Toronto] / [M. Eleanor] Fitz[gerald].
- [Letter] 1939 Nov. 25 [Newark, N.J. to] E[mma Goldman, Toronto] / Nick Di Domenico.
- [Letter] 1939 Nov. 27 [Toronto to Nick Di Domenico, Newark, N.J.] / [Emma Goldman].
- [Letter] 1939 Nov. 27 Toronto [to] Milly [Witcop Rucker, Los Angeles] / Emma Goldman.
- [Letter] 1939 Nov. 27, Toronto [to M. Eleanor] Fitz[gerald, New York] / Emma Goldman.
- [Letter, 1939] Nov. 27, Port Arthur, Canada [to] E[mma] G[oldman] Toronto / James Heney.
- [Letter] 1939 Nov. 27 [New York to] Emma [Goldman, Toronto] / Samuel Freedman.
- [Letter] 1939 Nov. 27, Buffalo, N.Y. [to Emma Goldman, Toronto] / H. Williams.
- [Postcard] 1939 Nov. [28 Toronto to M. Eleanor] F[it]zgerald, New York] / [Emma Goldman].
- [Letter] 1939 Nov. 28, Toronto [to] Liza [Koldofsky, London] / Emma Goldman.
- [Letter] 1939 Nov. 28 [Boston to] Emma G[oldman], Winnipeg [fragment] / [Rose Pesotta].

- [Letter] 1939 Nov. 29, New York [to] Emma [Goldman, Winnipeg] / [M. Eleanor] Fitz[gerald].
- [Letter] 1939 Nov. 29 [Newark, N.J. to Emma Goldman, Winnipeg] / Nick Di Domenico.
- [Postcard] 1939 Nov. 30, Winnipeg [to] Mill[ie] Desser, Toronto / E[mma Goldman].
- [Postcard] 1939 Nov. 30, Winnipeg [to] Dorothy [Rogers], Toronto / E[mma Goldman].
- [Letter, 1939 Dec.?] New York [to] Emma [Goldman, Winnipeg?] / Carlo Tresca.
- [Letter, 19]39 Dec. 2, Winnipeg [to Nick Di Domenico, Newark, N.J.] / E[mma G[oldman].
- [Letter, 19]39 Dec. 2, Winnipeg [to M. Eleanor] Fitz[gerald, New York] / Emma [Goldman].
- [Letter] 1939 Dec. 2, Milwaukee [to] E[mma] G[oldman, Toronto] / Bill Ryan.
- [Letter, 19]39 Dec. 4, Winnipeg [to] Rose [Pesotta, Boston] / E[mma Goldman].
- [Letter] 1939 Dec. 4, Winnipeg [to Emma] Goldman, [Winnipeg] / J.C. Macalister.
- [Letter] 1939 Dec. 4, New York [to] Emma Goldman, Toronto / Malcolm Cowley.
- [Letter] 1939 Dec. 5 [Newark, N.J. to Emma Goldman, Winnipeg] / Nick Di Domenico.
- [Letter] 1939 Dec. 6, Stelton, N.J. [to Emma Goldman, Winnipeg] / G.H. Bannister.
- [Letter, 19]39 Dec. 7, Winnipeg [to Nick Di Domenico, Newark, N.J.] / E[mma G[oldman].
- [Letter] 1939 Dec. 7 [New York to] Emma Goldman, Toronto / R[oger] B[aldwin].
- [Letter] 1939 Dec. 7 [Boston to] Emma G[oldman], Winnipeg / Rose [Pesotta].
- [Letter, 19]39 Dec. 9, Winnipeg [to] Jeanne [Levey, Chicago] / [Emma Goldman].
- [Letter, 19]39 Dec. 9 [Winnipeg to] Ben [L. Reitman, Chicago] / Emma [Goldman].
- [Envelope] 1939 Dec. 9, Winnipeg [to] Ben L. Reitman, Chicago / [Emma Goldman].
- [Letter, 19]39 Dec. 10, Medicine Hat [Canada to] Emma [Goldman, Winnipeg] / James Prasow.
- [Letter] 1939 Dec. 12 [Newark, N.J. to] E[mma] G[oldman, Winnipeg] / Nick Di Domenico.
- [Letter, 19]39 Dec. 13, Winnipeg [to] Rose [Pesotta, Boston] / Emma [Goldman].
- [Letter, 19]39 Dec. 13, Winnipeg [to] Milly [Witcop Rocker, Los Angeles] / E[mma Goldman].
- [Letter, 19]39 Dec. 14 [Toronto to Nick Di Domenico, Newark? N.J.?] / [Emma Goldman].
- [Letter] 1939 Dec. 14, Toronto [to] E[mma] G[oldman], Toronto / J.L. Cohen.
- [Letter, 1939 Dec.? 15?] New York [to] Emma Goldman, Toronto / Marcelino Garcia.
- [Letter] 1939 Dec. 16 [Toronto to] M[alcolm] Cowley, New York / [Emma Goldman].
- [Letter, 19]39 Dec. 16 [Toronto to unknown recipient], London / [Emma Goldman].
- [Letter] 1939 Dec. 16 [Toronto to Aldino] Felicani, [Boston] / [Emma Goldman].
- [Letter] 1939 Dec. 16 [Toronto to] James Prasow [Medicine Hat, Canada] / [Emma Goldman].
- [Letter] 1939 Dec. 16, Toronto [to] Bunya [and] Jasha, Winnipeg / Emma Goldman.
- [Letter, 1939 Dec. 16, New York to Emma Goldman, Toronto] / Nick Di Domenico.
- [Letter] 1939 Dec. 17, Toronto [to M. Eleanor] Fitz[gerald, New York] / Emma Goldman.

- [Letter] 1939 Dec. 17 [Toronto to] J.C. Macalister, Winnipeg / [Emma Goldman].
- [Letter] 1939 Dec. 19 [Toronto to Nick Di Domenico, New York] / [Emma Goldman].
- [Letter] 1939 Dec. 19 [Toronto to Marcelino Garcia, New York] / [Emma Goldman].
- [Letter] 1939 Dec. 19 [Toronto to] Bill Ryan, [Milwaukee] / [Emma Goldman].
- [Letter, 19]39 Dec. 20, Toronto [to M. Eleanor] Fitz[gerald, New York] / Emma Goldman.
- [Letter] 1939 Dec. 21, Toronto, Canada [to] Milly [Witcop Rocker, Los Angeles] / E[mma] G[oldman].
- [Letter] 1939 Dec. 21, Toronto [to M. Eleanor] Fitz[gerald, New York] / [Emma Goldman].
- [Letter] 1939 Dec. 26 [New York to] E[mma] G[oldman, Toronto] / Nick Di Domenico.
- [Letter, 19]39 Dec. 27, Toronto [to] Ethel [Mannin, London] / Emma [Goldman].
- [Letter, 19]39 Dec. 28, Toronto [to] Bunya [and] Jasha, [Winnipeg] / Emma Goldman.
- [Letter] 1939 Dec. 28 [Boston to] Emma G[oldman], Toronto / Rose [Pesotta].
- [Letter, 1939 Dec. 30, New York to Emma Goldman, Toronto] / Nick Di Domenico.
- [Letter] 1940 Jan. 4, New York [to] E[mma] G[oldman, Toronto] / Nick Di Domenico.
- [Letter, 1940 Jan. 6?, New York to Emma Goldman, Toronto] / Nick Di Domenico.
- [Letter, 19]40 Jan. 6, Toronto [to] Milly [Witcop Rocker, Los Angeles?] / Emma [Goldman].
- [Letter, 1940 Jan. 6, Toronto to Milly Witcop Rocker, Los Angeles? (enclosure)] / Emma Goldman.
- [Letter] 1940 Jan. 6, Toronto [to] Nick [Di Domenico, New York] / Emma Goldman.
- [Letter] 19[40] Jan. 6, Toronto [to M. Eleanor] Fitz[gerald, New York] / Emma G[oldman].
- [Letter] 1940 Jan. 7 [New York to Emma Goldman, Toronto] / Nick Di Domenico.
- [Letter, 19]40 Jan. 9 [Toronto to] Nick [Di Domenico, New York] / Emma Goldman.
- [Letter] 1940 Jan. 10 [New York to] E[mma] G[oldman, Toronto] / Nick [Di Domenico].
- [Letter, 19]40 Jan. 12 [Toronto to Nick Di Domenico, New York] / [Emma Goldman].
- [Letter, 19]40 Jan. 12, Toronto [to M. Eleanor] Fitz[gerald, New York] / Emma G[oldman].
- [Letter] 1940 Jan. 12, Toronto [to M. Eleanor] Fitz[gerald, New York (fragment)] / [Emma Goldman].
- [Letter] 1940 Jan. 14, Toronto [to] Carlo Tresca, [New York] / Emma Goldman.
- [Letter] 1940 Jan. 14 [Toronto to] David Dubinsky, [New York?] / [Emma Goldman].
- [Letter] 1940 Jan. 14, Toronto [to M. Eleanor] Fitz[gerald, New York] / Emma [Goldman].
- [Letter] 1940 Jan. 14, Toronto [to M. Eleanor] Fitz[gerald, New York] / [Emma Goldman].
- [Letter, 1940 Jan. 14 Toronto to M. Eleanor Fitzgerald, New York (enclosure)] / [Emma Goldman].

- [Letter, 19]40 Jan. 15, Toronto [to] Milly [Witcop Rocker, Los Angeles?] / Emma [Goldman].
- [Letter, 1940 Jan. 15, Toronto to Milly Witcop Rocker, Los Angeles? (enclosure)] / [Emma Goldman].
- [Letter, 1940 Jan. 15, Toronto to Milly Witcop Rocker, Los Angeles? (enclosure)] / [Emma Goldman].
- [Letter, 19]40 Jan. 16, Toronto [to] Bunya [and] Jasha, [Winnipeg] / Emma Goldman.
- [Letter] 1940 Jan. 17 [New York to] E[mma] G[oldman, Toronto] / Nick [Di Domenico].
- [Letter, 19]40 Jan. 18 [Toronto to Nick Di Domenico, New York] / [Emma Goldman].
- [Letter, 19]40 Jan. 18, Toronto [to M. Eleanor] Fitz[gerald, New York] / Emma Goldman.
- [Letter, 1940 Jan. 20?] New York [to] Emma [Goldman, Toronto] / Carlo Tresca.
- [Letter, 19]40 Jan. 22, Toronto [to Boris Yelensky, Chicago] / Emma Goldman.
- [Envelope] 1940 Jan. 23, Toronto [to] B[oris] Yelensky, Chicago / [Emma Goldman].
- [Letter 19]40 Jan. 24, Toronto [to] Joe [Desser?, Detroit] / E[mma Goldman].
- [Letter, 1940 Jan. 25? Toronto to unknown recipient] / [Emma Goldman].
- [Letter, 19]40 Jan. 25, Toronto [to] Roger [Baldwin, New York] / Emma Goldman.
- [Letter, 19]40 Jan. 25, Toronto [to] Nic[k Di Domenico, New York] / E[mma] G[oldman].
- [Letter, 19]40 Jan. 26, Toronto [to] Liza [Koldofsky, London] / Emma [Goldman].
- [Letter] 1940 Jan. 27, Toronto [to] John Haynes Holmes, Brooklyn, N.Y. / Emma Goldman.
- [Letter] 1940 Jan. 27 [Toronto to] John Haynes Holmes, Brooklyn, N.Y. / [Emma Goldman].
- [Letter, 19]40 Jan. 28, Toronto [to] Ben [L. Reitman, Chicago] / Emma Goldman.
- [Letter] 1940 Jan. 29 [Brooklyn, N.Y. to] Emma Goldman, Toronto / [John Haynes Holmes].
- [Letter, 19]40 Jan. 30, Toronto [to] Rose [Pesotta, Los Angeles] / Emma Goldman.
- [Letter] 1940 Jan. 30 [Toronto to] Irving Pflaum, Chicago / Emma Goldman.
- [Letter] 1940 Jan. 30 [Toronto to] Jeanne [Levey, Los Angeles] / [Emma Goldman].
- [Letter, 19]40 Jan. 31, Toronto [to M. Eleanor Fitzgerald, New York] / E[mma Goldman].
- [Letter] 1940 Jan. 31, New York [to] Emma Goldman, Toronto / Harry Weinberger.
- [Letter, 19]40 Feb. 1 [London to] Emma [Goldman, Toronto] / Stella Churchill.
- [Letter, 19]40 Feb. 2, Toronto [to] Bunya, Winnipeg / Emma Goldman.
- [Letter, 19]40 Feb. 3, Needham Heights, Mass. [to Emma Goldman, Toronto] / Leo Becchetti.
- [Letter] 1940 Feb. 4, Toronto [to John Cowper Powys, Corwen, Wales] / Emma Goldman.
- [Letter, 19]40 Feb. 6, Toronto [to Mark Mratchny, New York] / Emma Goldman.
- [Letter] 1940 Feb. 6 [Toronto to Nick Di] Dom[e]nico, [New York] / [Emma Goldman].
- [Letter] 1940 Feb. 7 [New York to] E[mma] G[oldman, Toronto] / Nick Di Domenico.
- [Letter, 19]40 Feb. 8, Toronto [to] Ethel [Mannin, London?] / Emma [Goldman].
- [Letter] 1940 Feb. 8, New York [to] Emma Goldman, Toronto / Ellen A. Kennan.

- [Letter, 19]40 Feb. 9, Toronto [to] Rudolf and Milly [Rocker, Detroit] / Emma Goldman.
- [Letter, 19]40 Feb. 9 [Toronto to] Nic[k Di Domenico, New York] / [Emma Goldman].
- [Letter, 19]40 Feb. 10 [Toronto to] Nic[k Di Domenico, New York] / [Emma Goldman].
- [Telegram] 1940 Feb. 10, New York [to] Emma G[oldman, Toronto] / Harry Weinberger.
- [Letter, 19]40 Feb. 11, Toronto [to M. Eleanor] Fitz[gerald, New York] / E[mma Goldman].
- [Letter] 1940 Feb. 13, Megève, France [to] Emma [Goldman, Toronto] / Kay Boyle.
- [Letter, 19]40 Feb. 15, Toronto [to] Rudolf and Milly [Rocker, Detroit] / Emma Goldman.
- [Letter] 1940 Feb. 15 [Toronto to] Nic[k Di Domenico, New York] / [Emma Goldman].
- [Letter, 19]40 Feb. 15, Toronto [to M. Eleanor] Fitz[gerald, New York] / Emma Goldman.
- [Letter] 1940 Feb. 15 [New York to] E[mma] G[oldman, Toronto] / Nick [Di Domenico].
- [Letter] 1940 Feb. 16, New York [to] Emma [Goldman, Toronto] / M. Eleanor Fitzgerald.
- [Letter] 1940 Feb. 17, Toronto [to John Haynes] Holmes, [Brooklyn, N.Y.] / Emma Goldman.
- [Letter, 19]40 Feb. 17 [Toronto to] Nic[k Di Domenico, New York] / [Emma Goldman].
- [Letter, 19]40 Feb. 17 [Toronto to] Leo Becchetti / [Emma Goldman].
- [Letter, 19]40 Feb. 17, Detroit [Mich. to] Emma Goldman, [Toronto] / Rudolf [Rocker].
- [Letter] 1940 Feb. 17, Detroit [Mich. to] Emma [Goldman, Toronto] / Rudolf [Rocker].
- [Letter] 1940 Feb. 17, Jerusalem [to] Emma [Goldman, Toronto] / Lubet.
- [Letter] 1940 Feb. 17, Chicago [to] E[mma] G[oldman, Toronto] / Ben [L. Reitman].
- [Letter] 1940 Feb. 17 [to Emma Goldman, Toronto] / [Germinal Esgleas].
- [Letter, 19]40 Feb. 18, Paris [to] Emma [Goldman, Toronto] / Mollie Steimer.
- [Letter] 1940 Feb. 20, Los Angeles [to] Emma [Goldman, Toronto] / Rose P[esotta].
- [Letter] 1940 Feb. 20, Reseda, Calif. [to] Emma Goldman, Toronto [fragment] / [Vasili] Semenoff.
- [Telegram, 1940] Feb. 20, New York [to] Emma Goldman, [Toronto] / Mary Oliver.
- [Telegram, 1940] Feb. 20, New York [to] Emma Goldman, Toronto / Mabel Dodge.
- [Telegram] 1940 Feb. 21, Cleveland, Ohio [to] Emma Goldman, Toronto / Socialist Party Membership Meeting.
- [Letter] 1940 Feb. 22, Paris [to] Emma [Goldman, Toronto] / Mollie [Steimer].
- [Telegram, 1940 Feb. 23?] New York [to] Stella Ballantine, Tor[onto] / Evelyn Scott.
- [Letter] 1940 Feb. 23, New York [to Emma Goldman, Toronto] / Abe Bluestein.
- [Letter, 1940] Feb. 23, Toronto [to] Rose Pesotta, Los Angeles / Dorothy Rogers.
- [Letter] 1940 Feb. 24, Toronto [to] Jacob Silverstein, Winnipeg / Millie Desser.
- [Letter] 1940 [Feb.? 25?] Corwen, Wales [to] Emma Goldman, [Toronto] / John Cowper Powys.

- [Telegram] 1940 Feb. 26, Los Angeles [to J.L.] Cohen, Toronto / C[assius] V. Cook.
[Letter] 1940 Feb. 26 [Los Angeles to] Dorothy Rogers, [T]oront[o] / Rose
[Pesotta].
[Envelope] 1940 Feb. 28, Reseda, Calif. [to] Emma Goldman, Toronto / [Vasili]
Semenoff.
[Letter] 1940 Feb. 29, Toronto [to] Leon Malmed, [Albany N.Y.] / Dien Meelis.
[Envelope] 1940 Feb. 29, Toronto [to] Leon Malm[e]d, Albany, N.Y. / [Dien
Meelis].
[Letter, 1940 March? Westmount? Canada? to] E[mma] G[oldman, Toronto] /
Marjorie Goldstein.
[Letter] 1940 March 2, New York [to] Stella Ballantine, Toronto / Harry
Weinberger.
[Telegram, 1940] March 11, Los Angeles [to] Dorothy Rogers, [Toronto] / Rose
[Pesotta].
[Letter] 1940 March 13, New York [to] Emma Goldman, Toronto / Ken
McCormick.
[Letter] 1940 March 14, Paris [to] Emm[a] Goldman, Toronto / Mollie [Steimer]
and Senya [Fleshin].
[Letter, 1940 April? New York to Emma Goldman, Toronto] / Stella [Ballantine].
[Letter] 1940 April 3, New York [to Emma Goldman, Toronto] / Stella [Ballantine].
[Letter] 1940 April 5 [Brooklyn, N.Y. to] Emma Goldman, Toronto / [John Haynes
Holmes].
[Letter] 1940 April 5, New York [to] Rose [Pesotta, Los Angeles] / Stella
[Ballantine].
[Letter] 1940 April 5, New York [to Leon Malmed, Albany, N.Y.] / John Haynes
Holmes.
[Envelope] 1940 April 6, New York [to] Leon Malmed, Albany, N.Y. / [John
Haynes Holmes].
[Letter] 1940 April 6, Mexico City [to] Emma [Goldman, Toronto] / Simon
Radowitzky.
[Letter] 1940 April 15, New York [to Emma Goldman, Toronto] / Stella
[Ballantine].
[Letter] 1940 April 16, Corwen, Wales [to Emma Goldman, Toronto] / John
Cowper Powys.
[Letter] 1940 April 19 [Los Angeles to] Stella Ballantine, New York / Rose
[Pesotta].
[Letter] 1940 April 19 [Los Angeles to] Harry Weinberger, New York / Rose
Pesotta.
[Letter] 1940 April 22, New York [to Emma Goldman, Toronto] / Stella
[Ballantine].
[Letter] 1940 April 26, Toronto [to] Rose Pesotta, Los Angeles / Dorothy [Rogers].
[Letter] 1940 May, New York [to] Stella [Ballantine, Toronto] / Lucy Huffaker.
[Letter] 1940, May 1, New York [to Emma? Goldman?, Toronto?] / Marion M.
Shields.
[Letter] 1940 May 2-6 New York [to] Rose [Pesotta, Los Angeles] / Stella
Ballantine.
[Letter] 1940 May 7, New York [to] E[mma] G[oldman, Toronto] / Harry Kelly.
[Letter] 1940 May 8, Toronto [to] John Cowper Powys, Corwen, Wales / Dorothy
Rogers.
[Letter] 1940 May 8, New York [to] Dorothy Rogers, Toronto / Harry Weinberger.

- [Letter, 1940, May 10, New York to] E[mma] G[oldman, Toronto] / Marjorie Goldstein.
- [Envelope] 1940 May 10, New York [to Emma Goldman, Toronto] / [Marjorie Goldstein].
- [Letter] 1940 May 11, Toronto [to] Rose [Pesotta], Los Angeles / Dorothy [Rogers].
- [Letter] 1940 May 11, Toronto, Canada [to] Rose [Pesotta], Los Angeles / Dorothy [Rogers].
- [Letter, 1940] May 11, Toronto [to] Harry [Kelly, New Rochelle, N.Y.] / [Stella Ballantine].
- [Telegram, 1940 May 14] Los Angeles, Calif. [to] Stella Ball[a]ntine, Toronto / Rose Pesotta.
- [Telegram] 1940 May 14, New York [to Stella] Ballantine, Toronto / Rudolf and Milly Rocker [and] Pauline Turkel.
- [Telegram] 1940 May 14, New York [to Stella] Ball[a]ntine, Tor[onto] / Carl and Fania Van Vechten.
- [Telegram] 1940 May 14, New Rochelle, N.Y. [to] Stella Ballantine, Toronto / Harry [and] Leah [Kelly, et al.].
- [Telegram, 1940 May 14] New York [to] Dorothy Rogers, Toronto / F. Gonzalez.
- [Telegram, 1940 May 14] Detroit [to] Dorothy Rogers, Toronto / Vincent Crudo.
- [Telegram] 1940 May 14, Brooklyn, N.Y. [to] Dorothy Rogers, Toronto / Clara Fredrics.
- [Telegram, 1940] May 14, Boston, Mass. [to] Joseph Desser, Toronto / Abraham Desser [et al.].
- [Letter] 1940 May 15, Denver, Colo. [to Harry] Weinberger, [New York] / Grace M. Kassler.
- [Telegram, 1940] May 15, New York [to] M[orris] Goldman, Toronto / Bess, Henry and Bob.
- [Telegram] 1940 May 15, New York [to] M[orris] Goldman, Toronto / [Ida and Freida] Diamond.
- [Telegram] 1940 May 15, Los Angeles [to] Stella Ballantine, Tor[onto] / Lou and Rodie.
- [Telegram] 1940 May 15, Brooklyn, N.Y. [to] Stella Balla[nt]ine, Tor[onto] / Rhoda Smith.
- [Telegram] 1940 May 16, New York [to] B[oris] Yelensky, [Chicago] / Arturo Giovannitti.
- [Telegram] 1940 May 16, Peekskill, N.Y. [to Boris] Yelensky, Ch[ica]go / Rudolf and Milly Rocker.
- [Telegram, 1940 May] 16, New York [to] Stella Ballantine, [Chicago] / [M. Eleanor] Fitz[gerald].
- [Telegram] 1940 May 16, New York [to] Stella Ball[a]ntine, Ch[ica]go / Harry Weinberger.
- [Telegram] 1940 May [17, Albany, N.Y. to unknown recipient] / Leon Malmed.
- [Letter] 1940 May 18, Chicago [to] Hutchins Hapgood, [New York?] / Ben L. Reitman.
- [Letter] 1940 May 27, New York [to unknown recipient] / John Haynes Holmes.
- [Letter] 1940 May 27, New York [to] Rose [Pesotta, New York] / Stella [Ballantine].
- [Letter, 1940 May 30? Toronto to unknown recipient] / [Millie Desser].
- Speech, 1940 May 31, New York at the Memorial Meeting for Emma Goldman / Rose Pesotta.
- [Letter, June? 1940] Chicago [to unknown recipient] / Irving S. Abrams.

- [Letter] 1940 June 3, Chilmark, Mass. [to] M.E.B. / Roger [Baldwin].
[Letter, 1940 June 3, Chilmark, Mass. to M.E.B. (enclosure)] / [Roger Baldwin].
[Letter] 1940 June 4, Roxbury, Conn. [to] Stella [Ballantine], Toronto / Stuart Kerr.
[Letter] 1940 June 22, New York [to Arthur] Leonard Ross, New York / H.M.
Lydenberg.
[Letter] 1940 July 19, Croton-on-Hudson, N.Y. [to] H.M. Lydenberg, New York /
Harry Kelly.

Introduction to Reel 46 **(March 15, 1939, to July 19, 1940)**

Emma Goldman left Europe for the last time in April 1939. The disappointment she felt upon her arrival in Montreal at the lack of any organized event to greet her was moderated by the gratifying reception she received in Toronto, her new home. She settled into a comfortable apartment adjoining the residence of her comrades Tom and Dien Meelis and immediately began to organize public meetings to raise funds for refugees of the Spanish Civil War. Goldman felt more at home in Canada than in Britain, particularly as large audiences began to respond generously to her funding appeals. She reported to her London friend Liza Koldofsky that in North America her voice "rang out free and strong as in the olden days" (4/29/39).

Goldman revitalized her correspondence with family and many old friends across the Canadian border, including Harry Kelly, Leon Malmed, Rudolf and Milly Rocker, M. Eleanor Fitzgerald ("Fitzi"), and Ben Reitman. As she arranged visits with her intimate circle of friends, she grew more frustrated with the restrictions of her visa and angry because she could not see her niece, Stella Ballantine, who was seriously depressed and confined to a psychiatric hospital in New York. Goldman's concern for her troubled niece dominates much of the family correspondence from the time of Goldman's arrival in Canada in April until late in the year when Stella was released from the hospital. When she was not worried about Stella, Emma was often worrying about the fate of other friends who were political exiles abroad; she used her proximity to the United States to solicit the support of influential friends on their behalf. In an effort to secure the immigration of Mollie Steimer and Senya Fleshin to North America, Goldman rallied the support of Rose Pesotta, an ILGWU organizer and vice president. Goldman's confidence in her ability to reach friends and former associates in the United States was bolstered by the working correspondence she resumed with Fitzi, the staunchest and most reliable of the former Mother Earth group, who

provided the political and practical backup Emma's work required. The perspective of time also prompted a softening of old resentments toward Ben Reitman, Goldman's former lover and manager. In response to his doubts, Goldman reassured him: "You are of faint heart to doubt my feeling about the ten years we have spent together. I admit they were for the most part very painful years for me, and no doubt also for you. But I would not have missed know[i]n[g] such an exotic and primitive creature as you" (6/29/39).

Aware of the fragility of life at the age of seventy, Goldman's friends organized a tribute to her on her birthday, June 27, 1939. The tribute from Mariano Vázquez stood out among the others from around the world. Writing from exile in Paris, he thanked her for her work for the Spanish libertarian movement: "70 years! A whole life consecrated to service and the liberation of the people!... You have understood [the people of Spain] and our aim as few who came to our shores have understood us. For this, among many other reasons, you have become part of us, never to be forgotten.... We declare you our spiritual mother" (6/12/39). The affection and enthusiasm of this greeting validated Goldman's own experience of the Spanish people. "In all my life I have not met with such warm hospitality, comradeship, and solidarity," she reported to Maximiliano Olay (11/18/39). Despite the defeat of the anarchist movement in Spain, Goldman continued to feel that the achievements of the Spanish revolution were a realization of the ideals to which she had devoted her entire adult life. The celebration of her birthday was interrupted by the news of Vázquez's death by drowning in a boating accident in Paris. "I was ill all day and had to hold onto myself at the affair not to break down," Goldman later confided to Fitzi (6/30/39). She resolved to honor Vázquez's life by initiating The Emma Goldman Fund for Spanish Refugees, asking those who attended her seventieth birthday celebration to reconvene on August 15, the day that marked her fiftieth year of political life.

Goldman sustained a second loss at this time; Emmy Eckstein died at the age of thirty-nine. Goldman had recently been estranged from her because

Eckstein neglected to inform her of the supplemental support she received while Goldman struggled to send her a monthly stipend. Emma nevertheless grieved the loss of another tie to her past. By caring for Eckstein, she had been carrying out Berkman's wish to provide for his companion after his death.

As always, Goldman's political work was a source of continuity and affirmation. Inspired by the collective spirit of the Spanish people, she intended to tour western Canada in November to alert the public to the lessons of Spain, the ways in which she believed that Stalin was the real Judas of Spain, and to encourage shared responsibility for the welfare of the refugees of the Spanish Civil War, who, she believed, fought freedom's battle for the whole world. Goldman even hoped to write a book about her experiences in Spain and proposed the idea to Benjamin Huebsch, an editor at Viking Press. She spent much of the spring, summer, and fall of 1939 refining her lectures on Spain and working them into a book proposal.

In September, when World War II erupted, Goldman wrestled with her own political conflicts over the issues raised by the war. Earlier in the year, as the likelihood of war between the Allies and Nazi Germany became more evident, Goldman began to articulate two distinctly different positions. In letters to Ethel Mannin, her close associate in the International Anti-Fascist Solidarity (SIA), Goldman argued against Mannin's assertion that fascism and capitalism were essentially the same. She insisted, "Anti-Fascism to the Spanish people means the chance to continue their revolutionary constructive work. They have never lost sight of that. For well they know that while under democracy they will also have enemies to fight[,] it will still be possible to do it. Under Fascism all chances will be lost for many years to come" (1/24/39). But several weeks later Goldman wrote Mannin again, and reversed her stand: "Much as I also loath[e] Hitler, Mussolini, Stalin and Franco I would not support a war against them and for the democracies which in the last analysis are only Fascist in disguise. If I have supported the civil war in Spain it was only because the social Revolution was at stake" (3//5/39).

Goldman's anger over the failure of the governments of Britain and France to aid the democratically elected Popular Front government in Spain in its struggle against Franco's brand of fascism was a factor in her reluctance to support their later declaration of war against the governments of Nazi Germany and Fascist Italy. Her pessimistic evaluation of the motives of all governments led her to conclude that the only way to defeat fascism was to launch revolutions from within each Fascist-dominated nation. Even if an international war against fascism were won, Goldman wrote Herbert Read, it would "only create a new form of madness in the world" (10/7/39). Finally, Goldman, like many other contemporary observers, underestimated the extent of the threat of fascism to Jews and the other groups targeted for attack by Fascist parties throughout Europe. She nevertheless advocated Jewish rights of asylum, in Palestine and elsewhere, and she severely criticized the reluctance of the Allies and the United States to accept Jewish refugees from Europe.

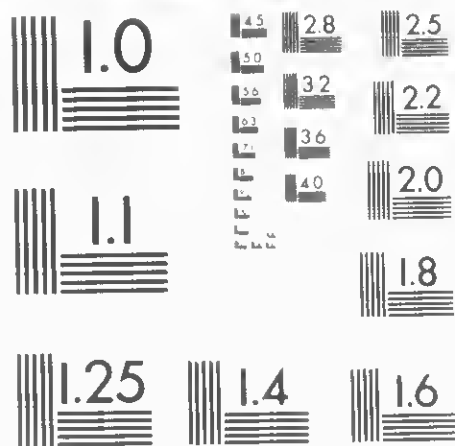
In October, as the war in Europe escalated, Goldman launched a campaign for the legal defense of four individuals whose lives were threatened by their indictment for an infraction of the Canadian War Measures Act. These men, Italian immigrant anarchists and residents of Toronto, were arrested after a police raid on their homes yielded some anti-Fascist literature that allegedly was banned under the broad definitions of subversive political activity contained in the War Measures Act. Because they were not Canadian citizens, the indicted men were subject to deportation to Italy if convicted. With the help of her friend Dorothy Rogers, Goldman raised several thousand dollars for their legal defense by alerting her wide array of friends and associates in the United States and Canada that each of the four defendants would face a death sentence upon deportation to Fascist Italy. One of the four, Arthur Bortolotti, was in greater danger of being deported than his codefendants because he was also accused of possessing an unregistered revolver. Goldman focused her appeals for help on Bortolotti's case. She

became his friend as well as his primary defender, and when he suffered from influenza while out on bail, she even served as his nurse. Her efforts were rewarded when the legal proceedings against all four men were eventually dropped. In November, Goldman drafted an article and lecture, "Let Canada Be a Warning," to alert the world once again that, even in wartime, the suppression of free speech presented a threat to the nation.

On February 17, 1940, while playing cards with friends to pass the time until Bortolotti returned for a meeting, Goldman suffered a stroke that paralyzed the right side of her body and left her unable to speak. Because Goldman could no longer write letters, the correspondence in the collection ends abruptly. Although she eventually regained full consciousness and could comprehend the messages from her friends wishing her a quick recovery, most of her communication was mediated through others. After spending six weeks in a hospital, she returned to her apartment where Stella Ballantine, who had recovered from her depression several months earlier, took care of her. Anticipating a long, expensive recuperation period, Ballantine initiated the formation of a Friends of Emma Goldman Committee to raise funds for medical care. Goldman's condition improved slightly in April, but within days of suffering a second stroke, she died on May 14. Her friends and family were flooded with letters and telegrams filled with sympathy for the loss of a great woman who had devoted her life to the cause of freedom.

After a brief memorial service in Canada, Goldman's body was shipped to Chicago to be buried next to the Haymarket Martyrs at Waldheim Cemetery, not far from Voltairine de Cleyre, and close to many of the anarchist comrades who supported and inspired Goldman's work. At the funeral on May 17, 1940, Harry Weinberger, Goldman's attorney and friend, welcomed her back to the land she loved, "where you wanted to end your days with friends and comrades. We had hoped to welcome you back in life--but we welcome you back in death. You will live forever in the hearts of your friends and the story of your life will live as long as the stories are told of women and men of courage and idealism."

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(Translation--DZ.) [Doris Zhook]

[enclosure]

Paris, 16th March 1939.

Dear Emma,

Last week I wrote you a few lines and thanked you for the sum of money you sent me through H. To-day I thank you again. It is exceedingly kind of you to be so concerned about me. The Rockers also sent me something, so that I now appear to be like a child on whom presents have been showered. You must therefore not worry about me any more.

You are anxious to hear from me some details about the final happenings in Barcelona. As I had already mentioned to you in a previous letter, I found myself a prisoner of the Communist Lister Division during the last weeks; I was held only a few kilometers away behind the Ebro Front. I was thus quite near to where the main attack of the Fascist army took place which resulted in the complete routing of the Fifth Army Corps headed by the Communist Lister.

The attack by no means came as a surprise. For the Fascist offensive was announced well ahead and in grandiloquent terms by Franco. The fact that the Communist divisions were the first to be attacked was probably in accordance with a well-considered plan by the Fascists. It was just inside the Communist divisions where of all the Republican armies the greatest demoralisation obtained; the soldiers were not at all out-and-out Communists. From the numerous deserters of previous battles the Fascists must have learnt about the state of affairs in those Communist divisions.

When after the dissolution of the Agrupacion Manzana, I reached the 45th Division, the position was as follows: All the military units of the Fifth ~~Mixisim~~ Army Corps had been routed during the previous battles. Many of the companies only consisted of about ten to twenty of the old soldiers, and nowhere in the whole of the Front were there so many deserters as in the Communist Divisions. All these units were replaced by men from the Air Force, the Artillery and other formations of the rear, the majority of whom had as yet not had occasion to face any battles. The officers were Communists, with no military aptitude. The Polit-co missars were also Communists, but they too had nothing outstanding about them, and they kept ~~away~~ aloof from the men. The soldiers were very badly fed and still worse clad. No one dared to speak out freely, but when they did the Polit-Commissars came in for a good deal of adverse criticism, and they also grumbled about the war. The fact is there were but few volunteers among the men who were in sympathy with our cause. Altogether, you will readily imagine, dear Emma, how appalled I was to find such a state of affairs. Another thing, the entire vast spaces at the rear, behind the Front, was utterly unprotected.

What I am now telling you is not exactly news. On the whole, the entire Front in Catalonia was in that condition. With the exception of the Federal Militiamen, who had confidence in the military command and where they felt themselves to be human beings and were

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there was no need to apply the beastly methods of the SIM (Servicio de Informacion Militar) discipline.

How was it that the Government and the Representative of our Organisation did not appeal to the Spanish people while there was still time? and to the Syndicates? They could have told the people that the Fascists were planning an offensive on an unprecedented ~~xxx~~ scale, which is likely to rob us of a considerable slice of our territory, and in order to prevent anything like this, we must all set ourselves immediately, without losing one moment, to build a line of defence, which would put a halt to the Fascist advance! Had they done this, I feel convinced that the entire Catalonian people would have placed themselves at the disposal of the military authorities. but they did not go to the people. In other words, from the very outset, the idea of making the defence of Catalonia a people's cause was not considered; they confined themselves ~~merely~~ to meet a strongly armed enemy merely by their ~~poorly equipped~~ military forces. inadequate

That the Communists should act in this way I can understand. They would have met with no response from the people. But our Organisation? It is here where we must search for the cause of a collective failure.

Dear Emma, I still belong to those who consider the events of May 1937 as a matter as yet too premature for passing for review; everything in due time and after due consideration. But that which is now going on in the centre of Spain is however somewhat belated. In November and December of last year, everything in Catalonia, as indeed in the whole of Spain, was quite prepared for the transportation of the Communists, although the Communists had already, at that time, taken their defensive measures. At that time they should have gone on with it and carried out that which is now being done by our friends in the centre. Had this been done, then Catalonia would surely not have been lost to us in so shameful a manner. Alas, all these are but reflections after the events, which can no longer help us.

Barcelona was abandoned without a fight, and Catalonia's defeat is nothing but an uninterrupted military retreat. Unfortunately, I had not been again in Barcelona. When on January 28th I managed by a bold flight to escape from the Communist bandits, by making a dash across the mountains, and proceeding from Sabadell to Mataró I had no idea that Barcelona had already fallen and that the Fascist armies were at the same time on their way to Mataró. From Mataró I took part in the retreat: the saddest and most amazing experience in my life. In all the towns and villages that I passed right to the French frontier, the responsible members of the committees of our Organisations, including those of the SIA, had fled beforehand. I emphasise this fact. Catalonia's task was a purely military matter, while the evacuation of the children and women was the task of a few kindly comrades who had not entirely lost their heads as yet. A most terrible thing was that the doctors and nurses had fled beforehand and abandoned the wounded to their fate. Everyone only was concerned to save himself or herself. All this is without precedent in the whole world! Those

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to reach the frontier first were the members of the Government and of the Committees of ~~our~~ organisations, including our organisations, the various
as I said before - it was the Carabineros and the Asaltos.

Here is an example: When I reached Figueras on January 30th (or thereabouts - I cannot now remember the date exactly) I found the premises of the SIA entirely abandoned; everything had been cleared out, and the place was indescribably dirty. The Fascists were a long way away yet; but the committee of the SIA had fled with all their belongings. Numberless refugees - women with children called at the SIA premises, but not a soul was there, until at last an Italian comrade, whom I had already known in Mataro, took the matter in hand. The premises were subjected to a thorough cleansing, and all subsequent refugees who called were given every assistance and guidance by this Italian comrade and his wife who did it in the name of the SIA. That is an example ~~xxxxxx~~ to be followed by many!

I would gladly have written you something more cheering, dear Emma, but alas, I cannot do so and one must find courage to bear the truth. And this is the simple truth: Everybody was seized with panic. I must, of course, make the ~~xxxxxx~~ explanatory remark that my experience refers only to that part of Catalonia which was not under the charge of the Confederal armies. In that part where the retreat was under the charge of our confederal troops there must have been much better order and discretion; at any rate, I had been told of this by eye-witnesses. However, this does not serve to excuse us or exonerate us of the misdeeds committed by us. Altogether, what a glorious beginning, and what a sad end!

And it is just in view of these happenings that I admire and approve of all that which is happening in the centre. It must be admitted that the strongest region of the Spanish CNT - that of Catalonia - has shown itself at the worst. That which is going on in Madrid is, with all desire for peace, nevertheless an admirable fall. The struggle going on just now ~~in Madrid~~ against the Communists in Spain is the final deathblow of the party. The Communists in Spain will never recover from this blow. All the hatred of the people is still finding timely expression. Had it not been for these events, the Communist Party might yet have issued victoriously from the defeat. To-day, this is no longer possible. This is of decisive international significance. And one may say now with justice that the Spanish people had met with defeat after fighting against a two-fold reaction: the red and the white.

Dear Emma, it is natural that in all our future theoretical discussions we should invariably make use of the Spanish example. But first of all it will be necessary for us to establish, as soon as possible, a clear conception regarding the Spanish experiment. It will therefore be necessary for us to talk the matter over among ourselves, to have a peaceful and well-considered talk, from which all fools must be excluded. And this not because it is desirable that we all think alike, but that we might gather our facts from the same source

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on which to base our arguments in discussion.

I was glad to note in your letter that you are enquiring after our friend Manzana. Unfortunately, I do not know where he is. According to the information I have so far received (and let us hope ~~that~~ it is correct) he should be in Paris. I heard this through Miguel Yoldi, but he could not tell me where he was exactly at the moment. In the next few days I am going to make renewed efforts in order to find Manzana; I will let you know at once of the results of my efforts. I have long wanted to see him and to discuss the last events with him.

This letter has grown somewhat lengthy, but I was anxious to inform you of the last happenings to some extent. For the rest, this is the first day that I am feeling a little better; the 'flu which is raging here held me in its terrible grip. I have also found myself arrested here by the police. That happened last Sat. just outside the SIA. Throughout France - and not only in Paris - all the Spanish relief committees are under surveillance of the police; ~~hence~~ the SIA is likewise so. On the 13th of this month I was supposed to leave France, yet I am still here.

I hope you are keeping well. Cordial greetings,

Best success for the meeting on March 24th.

*From a comrade
who had been at
the front for 2 years*

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Dearest Rudolf.

At last your much longed for letter of Feb 28th arrived. You must have been disgusted with me when on your return you found that I had written Milly that writing you and her is like writing in the void. My dear, my dear you do not know how frightfully cut off from everybody and everything I know in the States, and my isolation and loneliness here. I never felt that way so long as Sasha was alive. For, though we often ~~stuck~~ clashed on issue we were none the less linked together in fundamental ideas. I miss Sasha more since the Spanish struggle and its defeat. Not a soul I could talk to or who would understand our tragedy, would understand my anguish of heart and mind about the collapse of the most marvelous beginning in Spain. In point of fact you are ~~to me~~ taking Sashas place because I know you feel as I do about our heroic people, and because you have understood their heights and now their depths. So you can see how hungry I feel for every word from you. It makes me positively ill when weeks and months pass without a line from you, hence my impatience with you dear Rudolf.

I was horrified that until the date of your letter you were still uncertain about your extention. How well I know what misery and humiliation you must be going through. I have lived through the same with our poor Sasha who had to spend days every three months for his extention besides spending a fortune on bribes. I am sure it helped to undermine his health and was a contributory factor in his final decision to get out of this murderous world. So I can appreciate your and Millys anxiety. I need not tell you that my faith in governments has changed. I know all of them can do and will do what they please. The officer who in the Colorado strike said 'to Hell with the Constitution truly expressed the attitude of all governments to their laws.' Nevertheless I cannot believe the U.S. gang will expell you. They could not do it to Germany and there is no other country that will accept you. Besides, has not Roosevelt stated that the German refugees and tourists who are in America will not be worried about their stay. So I am hoping you have received the extention. I am reassured because I have heard nothing to the contrary so far. You have been in America long enough now to be entitled to a permanent stay. I wonder why your friends who have helped you until

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now
are not trying for that. In any event I hope fervently that your were given another respite for a year at least.

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I said you must have been disgusted with my faint heart about you and Milly's laziness to write me. I fear you will have been more disgusted and perhaps also angry with me because I wrote that more and more I come to think Chapiro's judgment of the compromises of our people have made in Spain than ours. But whatever you think of this I know you will not class me among those who are now priding themselves on having foreseen the debacle, or those who will give "dem toten Loewen ein Fusstritt zu versetzen". My dear, my dear I don't think you have been quite aware just what our Spanish comrades and their struggle have meant to me ever since my first visit in '36. Bear in mind that I have never been bound by organisational ties, never before have I submitted to methods ~~which~~ with which I could not reconcile myself. But Spain became my great passion, the greatest force in my life since Sasha's end. It ~~fully~~ consumed me day and night. I lost all personal interests or consideration. I lived only for our people and for their ~~win~~. Oh, I saw the danger of their compromises with Russia. I knew that Stalin will not rest until he has destroyed our comrades. I trembled for them all through the thirty months. Every time I came back the danger became more obvious and more terrifying. I thought it first that perhaps my judgment is somewhat affected by my loathing of the Communists who had slain the Russian revolution and were slaing the Spanish. But when on my last visit our comrades of the FAI, Santillan, Fedrica, Esgeas her husband, Herrera, Germinal Souza presented me with their material, with the absolute proofs of the most heinous crimes of the ~~Stalin~~ the Stalin satraps I knew that my fears were right, and that unless our people will make an end to the nefarious activities of the Passionaries, the Listers, the Galans, the Modestos and the rest these coldblooded murderers will make an end with our people.

At the last General Plenum which I attended the Peninsular and Regional FAI struggled valiantly to get the CNT Committee to realise that the Nergin Government and his Communist masters are leading them all to disaster, they demanded some definite step which might yet save the situation. But the CNT, especially the members of the provincial committees overruled the FAI. They gave the same argument which they had during the thirty months, namely nothing must be done to impair the importance of the Anti-Fascist Front "it will be working into the hands of Franco". And so our comrades of the FAI again abided by their organisational discipline. Of course, men like Vazquez meant for the best although it is certain that Vazquez is politically limited and very much under the influence of Horatio Prietto a reformer if ever there was one, a man who in Public Plenum declared that Anarchism of Kropotkin, Bakunin and the others was out of date. However, in spite of the obviousness of the danger threatening our comrades and their ~~struggle~~ struggle no one, least of all I believed that the catastrophe was so near. When it came it stunned me to the extent that I felt completely wrecked. Try as I may I could not explain it. Then came Hererras letter copy of which I sent you or in my letter to Milly, then came Martins account, and only the other day a letter from Santillan which completely demolished any doubt I might have had about the ~~foolish submission~~

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gravity to the struggle of the submission of our people to Moscow rule. That and that alone has crushed the Spanish revolution as it has crushed the Russian, only in a more dastardly manner. And what is more to the point is this: in the beginning when ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ Franco was at the gates of Madrid and there were no arms, no planes, nothing to meet the German and Italian war equipment our people had no choice then to ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ pledge their soul to Stalin. Because I knew this impelling force I defended our comrades and defied everybody's attack, or condemnation. But the "solidarity" of Moscow stopped before 1937 was over. There was no further need therefore to go on submitting, especially when after May 37 the extermination of our people began in cold blood. When thousand of them were murdered in the army, in factories, grabbed up from the streets in the dead of night and made to disappear after tortures in the Cheka. Yet the CNT ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ remained inactive and indifferent to the growing arrogance of the bandits.

Now, it is true that the CNT was not alone in that, the FAI too approved the concessions that went on, also ~~xxxxxxxx~~ remained inactive to the Communist regime of terror, prison, torture in the Cheka, disappearance of innocent people. There is this ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ ing fact for the members of the FAI that they woke up to the situation that they realised the mistakes made, that they set to work to dig up facts ~~after~~ after facts and that they finally called a halt. As far as Santillan is concerned his opposition began much earlier than that of the Committees of the Peninsular and Regional. My greatest surprise however, on my last visit was Federica, she who had ~~xxxxxxxx~~ morally forced the workers to go back to work and stop their defense in the days of May had undergone an inner purge so that I hardly recognised her, so bitter was she against the Negrin Communist rule and so determined to expose the gangsters. But as you and I know the discipline that held our people together through their long bitter struggle also made it impossible for the FAI to act without the CNT.

I said I had a letter from Santillan which makes the reasons for the collapse of Barcelona crystal clear. I am having it translated by Doris Zhook because Sant's German is very ~~xxxxxxxx~~ involved. You will see for yourself why I wrote Milly that I feared Chaprio was more right than we. I have not changed my mind about the inexcusable way of Sania in stating his case, but I do feel that we should have been more energetic in pointing out to our Spanish comrade the abyss to which their concessions to Stalin is leading. I feel particularly guilty in this because Vazquez and some others came to have implicit confidence in my judgment and faith in my devotion and I might have ~~wounded~~ off some of the blows dealt them so recently. Not that I did not speak freely with all our comrades, and did not warn them. But seeing the sacrifices they made, the danger and suffering they endured, seeing also the supreme courage of our boys at the front I did not have the heart to be critical.

However, it is not so much the forces I came to know that deliberately led to the debacle, it is more Vazquez's stubbornness which refuses to see the awful blunders and even continues to defend them. I was shocked when in a letter to me he wrote far from having compromised too much they did not compromise enough."

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And that if they did not stress the Revolution on the 19th of July and the collectivisation ~~thru~~ the fear of World Capitalism would not have been aroused. A letter I got a few days ago amplifies that by saying that the proletariat is egotistical, it wants only to feed its stomach and it has no idealism. Only the exceptiona~~n~~l few are idealist and they cannot swim against the terrible tide of Capitalism. All of this sounded so much like the everlasting arguments I have heard in Russia it simply ~~crushed~~ crushed me. I wrote Vazquez that the best proof against his faith in the democracy and their help had our people never mentioned Revolution is in the betrayal of Czecho Slovakia. Surely no one can charge the Czechs with having "streessed the Revolution in their country, or having begun collectivisation." Has that prevented Hitler from swallowing up Czecho Slovakia, or the democracies from ~~from~~ selling them, and betraying the Czech people? I feel particularly rotten about Vazquez silly reformis because I have grown so fond of him. But that cannot blind me to his limitations and his stubbornness in thinking he had done perfectly right to permit the Stalin hirelings to undermine the position power and influence of the CNT-FAI. After reading this dear Rudolf I feel sure you will not class me with those who pose as wisecracks and who now dare to say "I told you so".

That I am as well aware that our comrades are in such distress that it would be sheer cruelty to pour acid on their wounds. That is why I have written Vazquez that it is not the time to argue with him now. In due time, when our people have found a sanctuary, if they will, and they have recuperated somewhat from their awful shock and suffering it will be time to transvalue their and our values. Meanwhile I assured him of my continued affection and devotion ~~xxxx~~ I have given them from the first.

I don't know how much of their archives and documents our comrades have saved. I know that Martin who had always supplied me with a lot of valuable stuff took nothing with him, except LIVING MY LIFE which has become Martins bible. It brought a lump to my throat when I read that. I am going to Paris the 26th, I hope to see a few of our comrades, I will then ask them what they had saved and whether they can make me copies.

While no details have yet come to me about the Madrid struggle with the Communists I am sure that the comrades there have finally been forced to do what should have been done in Catalonia two years ago. They have kicked the Communists out because the terrible breed attempted to establish their dictatorship and to kill off all our people so as to gain grace with Franco. Santillan seems to be of the same opinion because he wrote me "was unsere Kamaraden in Madrid machen ist leider zu spat, aber es ist doch der einzige lichte moment in den dunkeln Jahren die wir durchlebt und gelitten habe, I may be able to inclose a copy of ~~xxxx~~ Santillans letter, if not I will send it with next mailing.

I do not think dear Rudolf that our sincere people say like Sania or Volin failed to grasp the greatness of the tragedy that was being enacted in Spain or that they failed to appraise its historic importance. They did probably feel that all life and

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all historic events are in the last analysis often decided by small things. Thus I am certain that Barcelona could have been saved and with it the struggle against Franco, if our people had insisted even six months ago on getting rid of Negrin. For he was the pawn in Stalin's hands, the catastrophe could have been averted. Little things and small events do decide ones whole life, they can therefore not be sneezed at. But you are certainly right that to condemn our people or hold them up to scorn would be the most damnable cruelty I could think of.

Spuchy ist wirklich nicht so schuldig als unsere Schwedische Genossen die ihn als grosses Licht betrachten. Er schrieb mir nämlich auf mein Schreiben gegen die Veröffentlichung seiner reportage über das Grauen der Evacuation dass er sich sagte, wenn Schweden auch meine article so beurteilt wie Emma dann taugt er wirklich nicht. Nun, Schweden hat ihm geschrieben dass seine Beschreibung von höchster historischen Wert ist. Na ja, es wurde doch nirgends weiter gedruckt als in Schweden. ~~Wunderlich~~ You can imagine in what state of mind I am when I suddenly laughed into German. What I wanted to say is that an English chap who met S. in Barcelona put a bee in his bonnet by telling him to write a book on Anarchism in Spain, and all that had caused the debacle, and Souchy is already at work. By the way, he told this man that he knew 11 languages and that he could translate a poem on Spain in all of them. Such childish bragadocio and conceit!

As it happens Santillan ~~will be planning~~ ~~planned~~ such a work and would I see the advanced publishers about it. I am sure Santillan can write a more authentic and better work and being a Spaniard also more understanding of the Spanish character. You will be surprised and glad to know that the Dean of Canterbury through his secretary has invited Santillan here. You see when the Dean was in Barcelona, Santillan, Federica, Mererria and Souchy "chaperoned" him through the SIA colonies and he became so enraptured that he drank to the triumph of Anarchism. Now he invited Santillan. I hope the invitation will help S. to a visa and that he will arrive here before I leave for France.

I wrote Milly about that unfortunate Emmy being near death. That was two weeks ago and she is still alive. In fact the doctor writes me now that her heart is so strong there is no saying how long her struggle will last, meanwhile she is just starving to death. The operations have finally so shortened her intestines that all nourishment goes into the stomach and out again. It is a ghastly case. Can you imagine the outrage for S. to permit her new man friend, she had picked up at a café to take her to a fashionable clinic which costs 5000 francs a month besides the surgeons fee. The poor dupe has already spent 20,000 francs and now his wife will give him no more for S's care. It seems some fool intuition on his part, certainly not on hers. Of course I have no money on swanky clinics to spend, and would not if I had because our martyred Spaniards need help more. Nor does Stein seem to be able to send her much, in answer to my call he cabled 25 dollars, and I sent 115, actually from the money the comrades sent me for my trip to Canada. It is too awful that S's end should be as messy as her whole life, and there is no saying how long it will be for the end to come. All this on top of my agony over Spain life seems utterly

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ly impossible.

What you say about Canada is only too true. I will get there too late for many lectures. But I have no choice, the few pounds I received from the sale of *Red Spirit* are nearly gone. I have absolutely no way of earning a farthing here or to achieve something for our side. I therefore must leave. In Canada I might succeed in canvassing the unions for the I.A.A. Anderson sent me a credential. Then too I can work up contacts during the summer for lectures, exhibitions and other undertakings for our friends. So I must sail, I am doing so the 8th of April. If you cannot repay here write me either to Rose Bernstein or to a letter J Desser 709 Bathurst street Toronto.

Dear Stella did have a change but it did not last long. She is back to her old legs. How I tell you how I suffer from this frightful calamity. But I am utterly helpless to do anything. By the way, I understand that the psychiatrist who treats Stella is a friend of yours. I already begged Milly to either ask you to talk to him or that she should do it. Get a frank statement of Stella's condition and her chances of recovery and write me please.

Goodbye my dear, dear Rudolf.

Love to Milly, Polly and Fernia and a lot of it to yourself.

Emma Goldman

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Dear Stella. I was just called up from the office to say that you had phoned about making the appeal right after Ethel will open the meeting. My dear that is impossible as the audience will not yet be sufficiently moved to respond. Besides, you know how these audiences are, they drift in much later than the actual time for the opening.

Do you think you could get away from the other meeting by 9, or 9? We would then arrange for me to speak after Read and Mc Hair had spoken and as I will need at least an half hour for my talk you would be in time to follow me. Actually it would be time enough if you could be at our meeting at 9,15. I hope you can my dear because we do want a lively and generous response to your appeal. I can not begin to tell you how great the agony is which the refugees in the rotten French camps are being made to endure.

I shall be at home until five four o'clock tomorrow all day Sunday, and until 2 P.M. Monday in case you want to call me up Speedwell 71-55.

Affectionately

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17th March, 1939.

Dear Miss Goldman,

Mr. Whitworth has asked me to reply for him to your letter of March 13th. He has been much distressed to read the material you have sent him, and he very much regrets that he is obliged to say that he does not feel able to help the cause for which you plead. This is not on account of lack of sympathy, and he only wishes that he were able to comply with your request.

The fact is that he has been inundated with applications for assistance from refugees from Czecho-Slovakia, from Barcelona and from Austria, and he is doing all that is humanly possible in these directions, and he does not feel able to take on any further liability. These letters are all most distressing, but there is a limit to one's capabilities.

Further, you suggest letters of introduction to Mr. James Agate and Mr. Desmond McCarthy. Mr. Whitworth is convinced that Mr. Agate would not be likely to be very helpful, and he is not intimate with Mr. Desmond McCarthy.

I am sorry to be so unhelpful, but there it is.

Yours sincerely,

Frances Briggs

Miss Emma Goldman,
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New York, Avenue, N.Y.

P.S. See B
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[Abad de Santillán an Emma]

Esbly, March 19th 1939.



Dear Emma,

Your letter received. Of course, such information can be used. There is ample material to substantiate each line. I have just written a long article for the Swedish friends on these very questions. I quite understand that Vazquez cannot be satisfied; he bears as much responsibility as Negrin does - even more so, for the defeat. However, now is the time when we must be clear and explicit as to what we say. The Communists must be shown up in their true light, and we must do everything possible in order to save the reputation of the CNT, as it is a cause we have so much at heart. But those bureaucrats who have lived and acted in the name of the CNT must be dealt with separately. In the book which I am contemplating to write I will not indulge in internal polemics, naturally, but the truth must be told.

To my mind, these are the two ~~great~~ principal factors which brought about the defeat: firstly, the opposing Madrid-Barcelona influences; the sabotage effected by Madrid against Barcelona from the very first day (of the fight); secondly, it was the intervention of the Russians, both direct and through the Communist Party of Spain in our war - a war for which they had neither the military nor mental aptitude. Under no circumstances whatever must we any longer cover up the misdeeds of these gangs and ~~their~~ of those who aided and abetted them.

The people alone could have saved the situation; but the people had become disheartened, disgusted and disturbed by the Negrin politics and that of the Communists in the rear and also at what was going on within the army. We have given sufficient warning as to all this to the Government and the Organisation. But all in vain! Among other things, we most strongly protested and pointed out that a Government which permitted the prisoners to be so badly treated as they were treated by the Generals Martinez Anido and Arlegui had no right to declare itself Anti-Fascist. Only to-day I read in the reactionary press accounts of the "red" terror perpetrated in Barcelona. Must we deny this, when we ourselves had protested against these methods while we were in Spain? Unfortunately, almost everything in those accounts is only too true. We have the right to protest against the Fascist terror, as we protested against the so-called Republican terror.

I have long since ceased to have anything to do with the Negrinists, as I have nothing in common with them. I can be very tolerant, but only where tolerance is essential and useful. It is impossible to be tolerant when you are confronted with lying.

My best greetings,

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Dearest Doris
Here is the letter I
want you to translate for
me. I must have it by
some time during the day
that will give you time
to do it without being
rushed. I must ask you
to do the job in your time
because I have to dig into
my own pocket for it as
there is no money left from
the budget of the C.N.R. and
I cannot draw on the I.T.U.

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Liza is ^{also} giving me a
 party, male, "sedate and
 respectable" of course. But
 I see Jewish Russian
 friends will be invited
 so you will be in your
 element anyway. So came
 along around 9 o/c

Please my dear
 that the translation reaches
 me & make a ^{man} many
 copies as your machine will
 take.
 Love,
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21st March, 1939.

Dear Friend,

I have been very uneasy about you, fearing that you may have been under the weather. You see you wrote me some time ago that you would soon send me your review of Bakunin's Life. Since it did not arrive I wondered what might have happened. You have always been so prompt in your replies that now I am worried lest you are ill. I would like a line if only on a postcard, to reassure me that all is well with you. It goes without saying that if you are too busy or not in mood to do the review, you are not to burden yourself with it. But if you can I should very much like to have it before my final departure for Canada.

For myself I can say that I have been desperately busy to rouse interest in the appalling condition of the Spanish refugees in French concentration camps. Let no one talk to me about the liberality of France. In point of fact France has been living on her past, like some unfortunate women whose age is devoid of everything worth while and who therefore can have nothing to give to the world except their boastful youth. I confess I was never deceived about the glories of France. Many years ago it was quite willing to lend aid and comfort to the Russian Tsarist Government in turning over political refugees to his tender mercies, and since the War France, while accepting the refugees, perhaps in larger numbers than other countries, has yet made their lives a perfect hell. It is certain that that poor boy who killed Vom Rath was driven to his act by the inhuman manhunt to which he was subjected, and now it is being done with the Spanish refugees. You have probably read accounts of the frightfulness in the camps - even the Conservative Times has reported the facts, and those who succeed in escaping what one correspondent called "Hell on Earth", are arrested and thrown in prison or expelled from Paris into some small village where they are at everybody's mercy.

I am enclosing a copy of excerpts from a letter I have received and also two lists of names, one of which gives the members of the Spanish intelligentsia, the other members of the

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Mujeres Libres. My correspondent is among the most brilliant women of Spain, a poetess and writer, who gether with a number of university women had established their paper called Mujeres Libres, one of the most outstanding periodicals published in the world. She was also the Secretary of the S.I.A. in Spain. Her name is Lucia Sanchez Saornil. Now this woman is living in a miserable little village, tied hand and foot, herself in distress and unable to minister to the needs of her suffering refugee children, women and men. I have tried to rouse people, but as usual with very little success.

I am leaving for Paris on Saturday, and will be back April 3rd to do whatever little I can still do and to get ready for sailing 8th April for Canada. I confess I am not very sanguine about my chances there, but it will be a change which I need very much indeed, and perhaps I can succeed better for my heroic Spaniards. Do let me hear from you soon. I will want to keep in touch with you while I am in Canada of course. The following will be my address during my stay there c/o Joe Desser, 759, Bathurst Street, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

I do hope you will keep well and continue with your splendid literary work.

Affectionately,

Emma Goldman

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Members of the Liberal Intelligentsia in Concentration Camp Boulou, Pir. Or.

Enrique Lopez Alarcon,
Poet and dramatist, author of a number of works,
among them the most important being "La Tizona".

Jose Amich Vert "Amichatis",
Catalan dramatist - the most important dramatic
writer.

Fernando Pintado Lucas,
Well-known journalist and President of the
Ateneo Profesional de Periodistas de Barcelona.

Jose Gaya, "Pelix Garzo",
Lyric poet.

Carlos Camon Fernandez,
Ex-director of a number of newspapers and
several publishing houses.

All are members of the Ateneo Profesional de Periodistas
de Barcelona.

These intellectuals with their families, amounting in all
to 15 people, are exposed to cold, wind and snow in the open,
and forced to sleep in dugouts along the seashore with sand
penetrating every pore. With all the supposed improvements
reported by the French Press, the conditions in Boulou and all
the other camps have remained pretty much the same torture
places as in the beginning.

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21st March, 1939.

Dear Dorothy,

I have your letter of March 2nd. I am afraid this will not be a very adequate reply. Time is growing near my departure for Paris, and the final arrangements for my sailing on 8th April for Canada. As you know, nothing succeeds like persistency, and I have been very persistent although I have disappointed you and the other comrades as to the time of my arrival. By the way, I am sailing on the Alaunia, a Cunarder. I do not know exactly when it will dock in Montreal, but I suppose she is an 8 or 9 day boat. Anyway I will send Joe a wire just as soon as we reach Quebec. I think it will then be necessary to proceed immediately with the arrangement of one or two meetings before the hot weather sets in. I believe I have already written you that I do not expect to have any public appearance and possibly not even a private one in Montreal. The Fascist padlock seems to be quite devastating. Our comrade, Rose Bernstein, wrote me that it actually gives the police the power to break into your house, collect what they consider Communist literature and disperse a gathering which they interpret as a secret session, though it may be a christening, birthday party or a wedding. In other words, I am not even stay with any of the comrades for fear I may do them some harm. I think therefore that I will remain in Montreal only a few days. Nevertheless it will be necessary that you and the comrades proceed directly you receive my wife that I have landed safely. Nothing is certain in these uncertain times. I may be held up, although as a British subject I have the right to go to Canada, but there is nothing on earth that Governments cannot do, even to the extent of denying their own laws. However, I am not worrying, not even with the questions you suggested I might be asked regarding my visit to Canada at the time when the King and Queen will go there. I feel I will cross the bridge when I get to it.

To-morrow we are at last shipping a large trunk of various kinds of literature, including the albums and My Disillusionment, which I was able to buy up very cheaply, which will enable me to

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sell the volume at 30 cents. In point of fact the book is more timely now than it was when it was written, because everything prophesied there has come to pass in Russia. The revolution has been drained of every drop of blood and Russia is now like all other Powers, purely a Government aiming to hold ~~xxxx~~ on for dear life to every shred of power and authority. We are sending the box to Joe Desser; as I have no time to write him, please prepare him for it and tell him that while the Custom Authorities may make objections to the albums there are no books to which they will object. However, a list of everything will be sent to Joe just as soon as the box is shipped. I am less certain about the customs regarding the film I have for Canada. Although the British Customs have passed it without difficulty, though of course we had to pay duty. In any event I will have to ship the film to you, as I cannot take a chance of taking any material with me that ~~xixi~~ may interfere with my being admitted.

Yes, Ethel Mannin has turned Pacifist. After all, Ethel is a writer, not a social propagandist or prophet. She feels deeply with the oppressed peoples, but I do not think that she is quite clear in her political outlook. I am certainly not a Pacifist, nevertheless I prefer Ethel at any time to a great many so-called revolutionists whose revolutionary interests never go ~~anyxxxxxx~~ deeper than their skin.

Well, we will talk about this and many other things when we meet. Please tell Joe I have received his letter and I hope to answer it in person. By the way, my dear, I have written a communal letter to the Jewish comrades, and I have begged them to co-operate with the Libertarian Youth in organising whatever meeting you will all decide upon for me, so will you write them when the time comes? Do not forget when you receive my wire from Quebec, you will have to get busy immediately to book a hall and get out printing. I shall want to speak on the betrayal of Spain as my first lecture. Another thing, in as much as I will arrive with the warm weather near at hand, I think I might just as well accept Esther's invitation to stay with her. I realise that it is rather a bit too far for most of our comrades, but after all in the warm weather it hardly matters. On the other hand, I am so tired out from the struggle here and the tragedy of the Spanish collapse that I really don't feel able to start housekeeping on my arrival. Of course it depends whether Esther will be in her house when I arrive about the 20th April and whether she will still want me. Better see her, and arrange it with her. Otherwise of course we will have to find a place, though I could go for a week to the Ford Hotel. Anyway, talk it over with the others and arrange the best way.

With love to Dien, Tom, the Dessers, the Thornburgs and fraternal greetings to all the comrades; I embrace you, my dear,

With love,

Emma.

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Dear Teddy. I was glad to hear from you again. It seems your last letter crossed mine in which I wrote you about Pauline's idea of Bloomingdale. Ian read me your letter which is of a later date and wherein you wrote that you are making inquiries about the other place. Naturally the question of Stella's removal from the Center is a very serious one, and the responsibility very great. Even if I were near I should not be able to decide much less being so far away. And Ian feels the same about the matter.

I suppose you will have to consult those more competent and in a better position to say whether it is safe to remove Stella, or whether she should continue in the Center. She does not seem to improve, does she? If only her appetite could be increased and she could begin gaining perhaps that would lead to some results. I feel most unhappy that I can do nothing at all, to be of the least help to our Stella. Never did it occur to me that such a situation would ever arise that I should not be able to help my own beloved child. But as our friend Sasha used to say, "it is the unexpected that always happens".

Your description of David's illness gripped us both Ian and me. You see we had no idea that the kid was so near the end. We made us realise what you and Saxe suffered. The very thought of losing Davy on top of his mother's illness gives me the shivers. I do hope the kid will take care of himself with the help of your house keeper and your self. This notion of psycho analysis for Davy which Pauline has, is crazy. I cannot understand how Pauline usually so clear headed will fall for all these new fangled methods of healing all troubles. The fact that David is difficult to handle means nothing at all. So was Ian difficult to handle and yet how beautifully he has developed. Everybody is deeply impressed with his fine mind, his independent spirit, his lovable disposition. So why worry about David's tempers or wildness? Of course, he should not feel he can get away with murder, or claim the world entirely as his own. But outside of this, the kid should not be worried with psychoanalysis. Or any other nonsense.

To come back to Ian, you need have no anxiety about him. He gets on famously. He has already made more contacts than I have in all the years I have been living in England. Everybody helps him to meet people he wants to know for his material on publishing, indeed he is gathering a lot of information that should help him with scholarships at home. And from what he told me Sunday he may even land a job. In short your son will go through the world with less difficulties than you and I. The

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He is too clear headed to be raped in by anybody or anything and that means an awful lot in this terrible time when so few think for themselves or want to. Therein lies the secret of all dictators from Stalin to Chamberlain, the mass is only too glad to let them think for the masses. It is less bother and requires no mental effort.

Well, my dear I am sailing April 8th on the Alaunia for Montreal. Perhaps you will send me a few lines to the ship to Quebec, I will add the number of my cabin, so I will get it when the ship ~~arrives~~ docks in Quebec. You must address it to Mrs E.G. Colton. SS Alaunia, Cunard Line Quebec and the number of the cabin, in 934.

I am glad to know you are so successful with the head of the maid. The fool woman came nearly killing Davy by stuffing him with castor oil which was poison in the kids condition.

Give David my love, tell him I shall want so much to see him and to ask you to bring him to Toronto when the summer has set in. I had hoped fervently to see Stella as well. I feel all torn inside of me over Stellas break down.

Goodby dear Teddy. Be strong my dear and brave.

With love.

Emma

If you do not find time to
 reach me to the least write
 me as follows: use double, envelope
 address the inside just for —
 the outside to Mrs Rose Bernstein
 194 From Champagne
 He had should get to the 16th but your letter

to see a few days ahead.

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My dear Leon,

Again much time has passed since I got your letter, but the tragedy of Spain, the deepest tragedy of our time, has unnerved me to such an extent I was unable to concentrate on anything, much less on letters except the most urgent ~~which~~ our unfortunate comrades in the frightful concentration camps in France, who needed help. Yes, my dear the great and wonderful revolutionary beginning was crushed as the Russian Revolution but to us the blow is greater than the loss of the Russian revolution because the Spanish was so much more constructive and expressed much more our ideas and ideals. The frightful thing is that the same crushing machine which has slain the Russian Revolution has also assassinated the Spanish. You will see what I mean by the inclosed copies of my letter to Rudolf and other mail. And it must be added that it was the credulity and childishness of some of our Spanish comrades who are also to blame for the debacle. The copie of Santillans letters I will inclose will give you the facts for that. Now that our comrades are bleeding from so many wounds it is impossible to pour acid over them to make our people smart more than they already do in the horrible camps and in their heartaches over the loss of Catalonia and Barcelona. It is all too terrible.

I am sailing at last on the 8th of April on the Alaunia a Cunard ship which goes straight to Montreal, I am glad to say, it will save me the awful and dreary trip from Québec something like thirty hours or more to Montreal. Owing to the extreme Fascist conditions in Quebec it will not be possible to have any public meetings. In fact we may not even have private gatherings. For this reason I do not intend to remain in Montreal more than a few days. I will then proceed to Toronto which will be my headquarters. If you wish to reach me in Montreal write me c/o Rose Bernstein 198 Champagneur Outremont, Montreal. Use a double envelope, the inside addressed to me. It will reach me sooner than if you will write to Joe Desser. I do not yet know where I will live but Dessers address will reach me during my stay in Canada..

I learned about Anna Barons death through Fitzi. I was terribly sorry that she suffered so much before the end. She was a great girl and among the few who remained faithful to the end.

Goodby dear Leon. Soon I will be near but still far enough.

Affectionately,

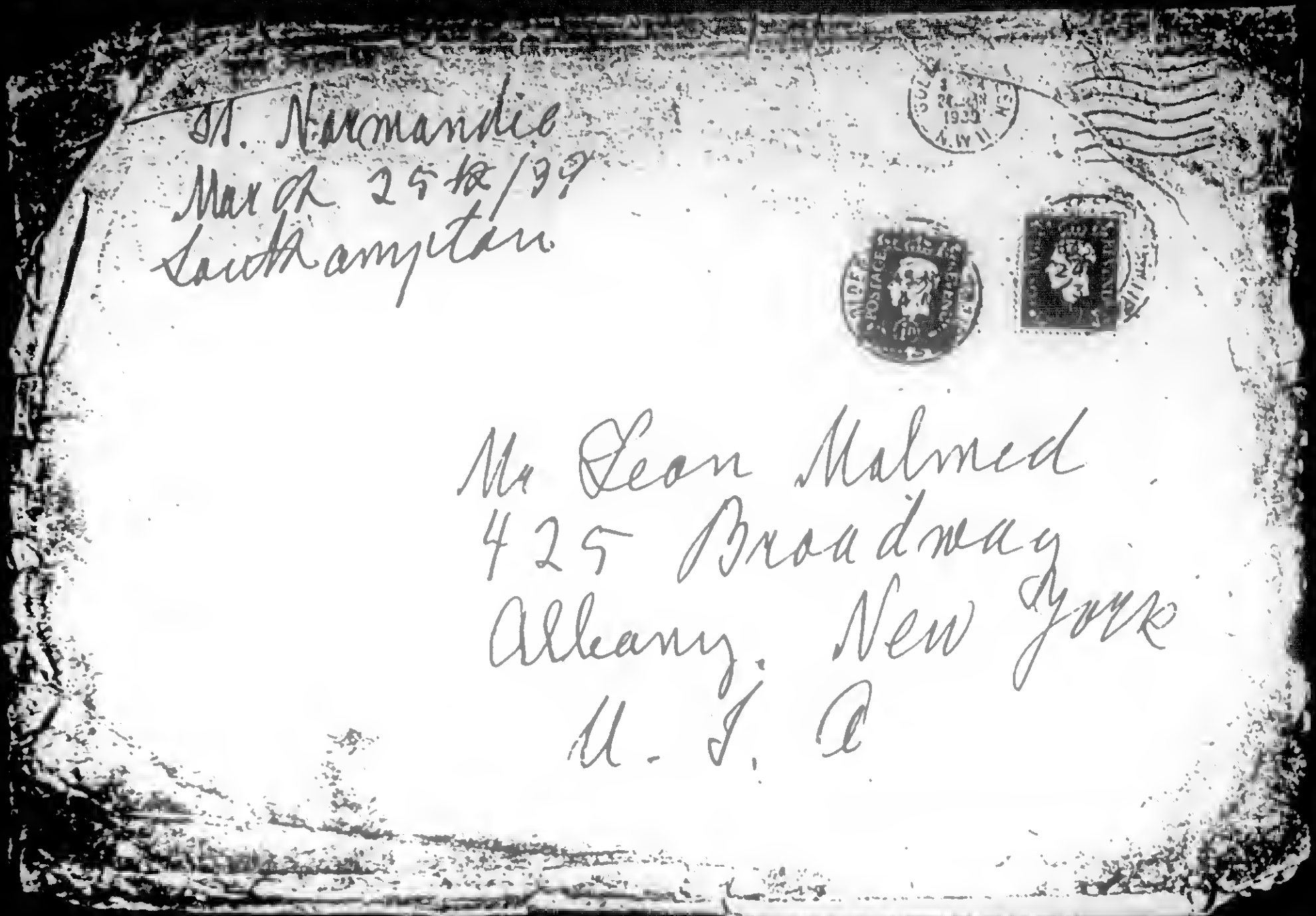
Emma

*of you
wish to write me
to the last address
c/o Collan of Alaunia
Caven A. 34. Quebec.*

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London Mar 24/39

Dear Rudolf & Milly

This is a very nasty note
just to let you know that
I have had this up Sunday
for a week. I may be a little
crazy but to say a piece
of the damn Southampton
an the S. I. Glannia, a
Canadian boat. My cabin is
A-34 in case you should
want to write me a line
by the steamer. I plan to leave
I will reach Quebec before
April 16th but in writing
you had better say you
are two days earlier. OK
you can write me at
Rose Bernstein 198 Remy
Oute mont Montreal. Here

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in my correspondence with
Dorothy. Her last letter is simply
really beginning and I have
what a change de Rap under
gone. I have not answered
it in full as I hope to see
him in Paris, but I did
point out the fact of George
Slaparenko, a country, that
did not stress revolution,
collectivization or the need
of an anti fascist struggle
nevertheless it was betrayed
by the demagogues. It was
the right of fully therefore
for us to say the demagogue
would have had the Spanish
Depression of our comrades
had been more moderate

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I also in shape copies of
Santillan's letters and
from Michel. Their contents
are inspiring. I am glad
Santillan suggest, the need
of organizing the fammancs
I have done it before of
course, much to Vazquez
disapproval. I speak
to night & I certainly
will pay the murdered
gang my respects. Alas
early loses the rather loved
output. Now that the demo
cratic power, crying for
now state it will be more
difficult than ever to show
up his satrap in true light
with love of once

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March 27, 1939:

Mrs. Emma C. Colton,
6 - Sneath Ave.,
London, N. W. 11,
E N G L A N D.

Dear Emma:

Mother was in New York, visiting Ora, when your letter of March 4th arrived, so it was not opened until her return home yesterday.

She tells me that she spoke to your mutual friend, Dorothy, telling her that she expected that you would stay with her on your arrival for a rest.

She would have written to you herself, but you know writing is difficult for her. She enjoys good health, but the years have taken some toll as they do from all of us.

I expect to leave on my usual Western spring trip sometime in April, but look forward to seeing you on my return.

Am writing this from the office, so please excuse stationery.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Ben

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Dearest Milly, dear Rudolf March 31/39
I am so rushed here. I do not
get time to rest a little a thing I need
so badly in my present condition. The last
months it has been very much better.
But the appalling misery and un-
democratisation among our Spanish
comrades here have effected me to
such an extent, it brought back my
dear friends in a more acute form.
My dear, my dear I find that the
harsh collapse of the great beginning
in Spain is a nothing compared
with the sickening disintegration
among the comrades. Not only is every
day against the other side, the poet
of threatening Spain over, but he noted
jeanysies and great rampant among
the refugees smells to the heavens. He and
questioning in "now does he live?" and
the first changes to confront me

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hundred times since are "Vazquez, Roca
and the others have millions and
millions of francs & the comrades
in the camps are starving. Nothing
is done for them". The stories are
gossip - the accusations are
simply daylight. So you can not
imagine how I feel, being here
having to listen to all of it and
being unable to seek at comfort
the comrades whose funny remarks
no sound
just because the ideological sense
duration, actually since the May
event of 37. It only became
more a joke. Perhaps it is not even
difference of opinion as much
as a attack against Vazquez who
has certainly developed into a
neurotic & extreme. On the other
hand in Vazquez's holiness to San
tillan. He must be mad, came
from mad people & that he had
already been in an asylum, that
more his fact of the collapse of the
columna completely demolishes Santillan's
statements. But Vazquez swears that

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that Franco could have been held
back for considerable time, because
there were were many arms parties
before had not all committees tap
the St. Committees from the Syndico
clubs & our own organization
of course it is all the inevitable
result of the tragic debacle. Nothing
would matter if only the committee
would still have faith in each other
with that gone, what will become
of our people? I dread to con-
template it. You will appreciate
now, I feel when I tell you that
Bantalan asked me to warn you
in danger, & yesterday I learned
the same about Oliver. The very
idea makes me shudder.
Unfortunately the same cancer has
declared in the Spanish. The
same bitter suspicion against
Baruta & even against Lucia San-
zañón. The only way out of this syndi-
cal mess is to add 2 French or one
Irish delegate to the International
Council of the IIA who would suit

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neutrality to ⁴friction. Altogether the
situation is appalling. Roc
Pauline Milly I have given 2
letters of the 15th & 20th inst. I can
not write the appeal you suggested
here. I have not my machine
with me and if I had I am
too rushed and too distressed
to concentrate. I am going
back to London Monday. There-
fore I will have much to do
before I sail, a week from
tomorrow, but if I possibly can
I will manage to write it which
have a better effect if my appeal
came from Canada. I must
see. Milly tells me she has written
you 3 times, once when she yielded
some checks, once when she
acknowledged 15. Ben \$20 and Ben
\$50. She has copies of these
letters. Surely they have reached
you by this time.
Dearest Rudolf here is the last letter

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of Vazquez I have written you
about several times. You can
see how the map has changed
it is the old story, once one has
dealings with government, one
is swallowed by them. I hope
to write you in greater detail
about my visit here on the
coast. My address will be Dr. J. Pessen
75 St. Bonavent St. Duranta
until I know where I am
going to live. If you wish
to reach me, send me
in double envelope, the
envelope addressed to Rose Bernstein
198 Champagne, Outremont
Montreal, Que.

With love to both of you
to Dolly & Samson
Emma

Mollie sends love to both of you

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6th April, 1939.

Dearest Lilian,

Your letter of March 26th together with your cheque for £5 was forwarded to me to Paris. I had not a minute there to write, and now, too, I am rushed from one thing to another. In addition to the usual amount of work I ran into 180 Spanish refugees who were on the same train and the same boat; among them I discovered 50 comrades from Madrid and Valencia. Yesterday all day and evening I was busy with them trying to get hospitality for them. Considering that they only arrived Wednesday we have done well in placing about ten people. We are hoping to find friends in London who can give the Spanish hospitality. We were thinking about you in Whiteway. The trouble is that our people must stick to London and in constant touch with the National Committee for Spanish Relief. This is the organisation which works together with an organisation in France of an international character, to evacuate the Spaniards from Castile and the Levant and if possible to send them to different countries. It will never do for our people to be separated from the others, or the Committee will do nothing for them. That is why we are trying to get as many friends as possible with whom the Spaniards can be placed until the ship will be ready to take them to Mexico. For some we are trying to get rooms, even if we have to pay for them. Unfortunately the S.I.A. fund is almost at an end. Our dear Ethel Vennin will make another appeal. One thing is certain, we cannot permit our people to be lodged in the horrible Salvation Army quarters, so everything must be done to help them.

Unfortunately I have to sail on Saturday. I tried to get transfer to some boat sailing the 16th, but everything is full up so I must sail the day after to-morrow. However, I have organised a Committee consisting of Vera, Marie Louise, Sidonie Coesens and her husband, Sonia Edelman, a very faithful Spanish comrade who has

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lived here many years, Ralph Barr and several of our friends who had themselves been in Spain, speak Spanish and are also willing to give hospitality to several of the refugees. If you can make any suggestion that might be of help, please write to Vero or Sonie as soon as possible.

Thank you for the £5. I have left them with a comrade for the needs of the German refugees who have fought so valiently against Fascism in Spain and who are in a deplorable condition in the French concentration camps. I am sure you will be satisfied with that. You will hear from the comrade to whom I gave the money as he will send you a receipt. Thank you very much for the literature you sent on to Canada. I will let you know if I need more.

Well, my dear, I must say good-bye for some time anyway. One cannot make any plans at present; one just drifts. I will keep in touch with you from Canada and tell you about my success or failure there.

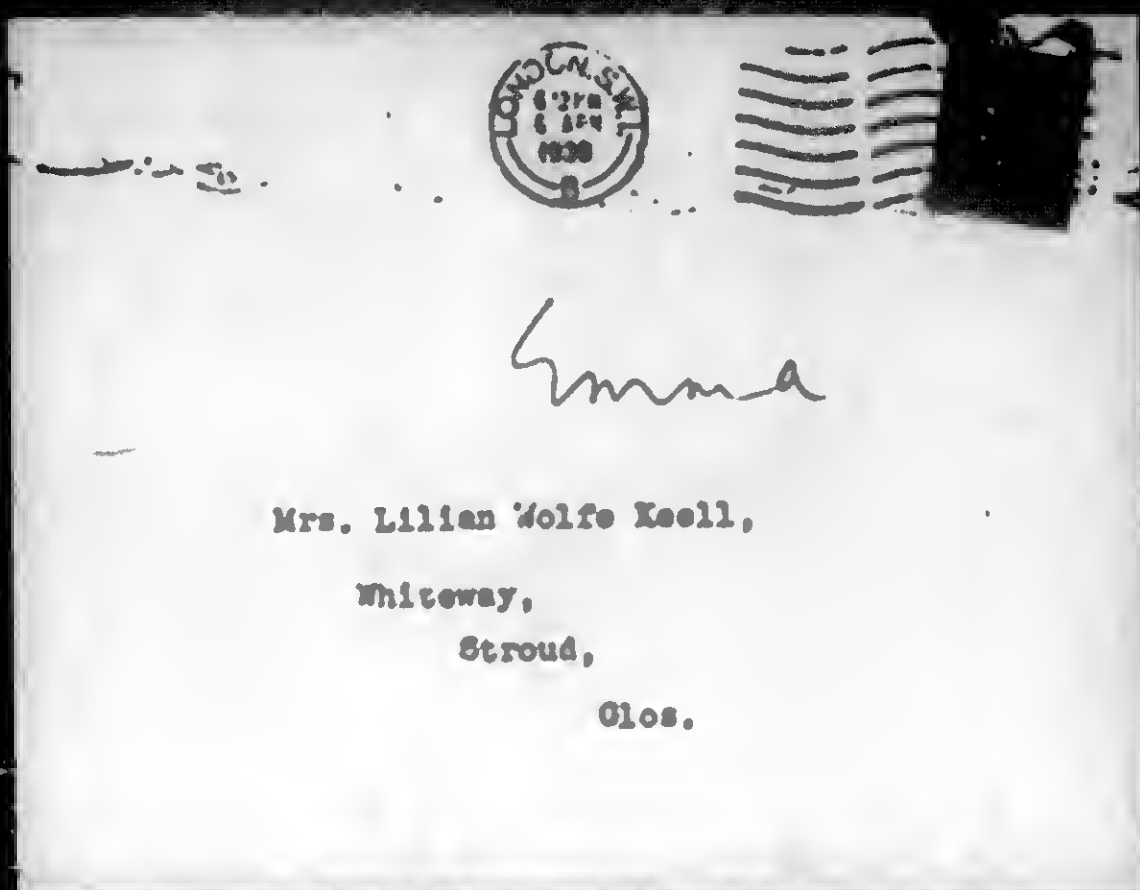
With loads of love. Give my kindest greetings to Tom and his lady love. My address in Canada until further notice is c/o Joe Deaseer, 759, Bathurst Street, Toronto, Canada.

Emma Goldman

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32 W State street
 Chicago Illinois
 April 17 1939

My dear Emma Goldman,

Last Sunday and Monday I spent in Cleveland Ohio at the Hobo Convention and I had much occasion to think of you and the many visits we had at Cleveland. The Hobo Convention was held at 1000 Walnut street, which is the same place where you delivered your birth control lecture and I was arrested. Just across the street from the hall is a book shop and they are selling for 50¢ a fine book on birth control which gives all the methods, but plainer than the pamphlets did for which I was arrested in New York, Rochester and Cleveland. When you spoke in Cleveland 22 years ago the birth rate there was 27 per thousand, now it is 17. Birth control knowledge in Cleveland, Chicago, New York, and every other city is common knowledge.

You will remember Ewing, our lawyer. He is now a judge of the Superior Court in Cleveland. He sends his regards to you. I tried to see Adelaide Champay and Fred Shoulder but could not locate them. Their two boys are teaching in an Ohio College. I called on Carr the printer but he was ill and she was not in the office. The only old friend I saw was Lakoff the bookseller. The anarchist movement has disappeared, the socialist party has dwindled, but, in most places in the United States the Communists and the C I O are the revolutionary radical labor movement.

I am enclosing a letter which will give you some idea of what I am doing and thinking. Mother is 79 to-day. We are having a birthday party for her. In less than 2 months Brutus will graduate from the University of Chicago. My little daughter Mecca who is 2 years 4 months is a student at the University of Chicago. She enjoys it very much, and her mother is quite happy about it. The economic struggle is perhaps a little more difficult, but opportunities for self expression and service do not appear to diminish.

Lucy Parsons was in the other day. She is applying for Blind Pension. She has to be led around. I saw Theodore Appel not long ago and he too is going blind. There are quite a number of the children of the Anarchists Sophie Fagin and others, who are students at the University. It is strange that so many of the young generation are taking up University life and branching out in Social service and literature. While I was at the Hobo Convention I couldn't help but notice the tremendous change that has come over the hobos. Years ago they were interested in revolutionary tactics; now it is depending upon the New Dealers to help them. Change is coming to the world. In Chicago the Communists backed the democratic party at the last election, the same being true in New York and many other U S Cities. But the New Dealers are definitely backing the CIO.

I saw little Benny Capes lately. His burdens increase but his faith remains the same. I hope things are well with you. I don't believe you are very happy with the growth of Fascism and the plight of the refugees. But at least in the U S there is a healthy radical revolutionary movement. Roger Baldwin and the Civil Liberties are doing a splendid work. Anarchism seems to be pushed into the corner and the desire for complete liberty and cooperation burn feebly, but in the hearts of men and women there is the same old desire for liberty, justice and a better world. I miss your letters and hope the spirit will move you to write some day. Accept my love and best wishes.

Sincerely

Ben L. Reitman

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Dorothy ROGERS orig

Montreal April 18/39
Dorothy my dear.
No doubt you got my
letter written on the boat
designed on the train and
mailed at the store yesterday.
I really mean the copy
of my letter to you.
I'll have as I know
I will have been happy
on the 3 o'clock train I'll
evening I believe at
9 P.M. The only thing
is that I have to meet
the man who had been
responsible for my success
in the last time to my
marrow evening. He told
me over the phone he had
a suggestion to make
about some venture

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here which might be worth
my staying over a little
longer. That will make
no difference in the arrange-
ment in Ithaca. I had
3 meetings in two the
last days in May. It
must be then as nothing
at all because of the
leaving of the Ithacans
about the issue of being
quitting. But
it may mean that
will have to say over
an extra few days.
Now this is what I have
in mind, & I can go
away Friday. I should
love to see all the comrades

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Saturday Eve. I am writing
 Foster Packard & it says
 he is in the house. That I
 hope would avoid picking
 among the committee.
 Will you get in touch
 with Foster because if
 one consents it will be
 necessary for her to report.
 Don't all get you with her
 to help her. As she seems
 to be so uncertain about
 going in, I think I think
 it will be best if I write
 you Thursday morning
 whether I am
 coming, Friday. You could
 then notify Foster, Guy and
 ask Foster to notify the
 rest. I hope I might

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~~Dear~~ Dear Edom you are
the companion.
With love
Emma

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Montreal April 18/39
 Dearest Esther. I hope this
 will reach you in your
 home. I received Ben's letter
 before I sailed saying
 you had been away and
 this had delayed your reply
 to my letter.
 Nothing has been arranged
 here as any public matter.
 So I am planning to leave
 for Toronto Friday at 3.
 P.M. There is however one
 thing which may prevent
 my leaving on that day
 and I will not know for
 sure until tomorrow evening.
 I have written Dorothy
 Giessecke that I would like
 her Thursday morning
 and I asked her to inquire

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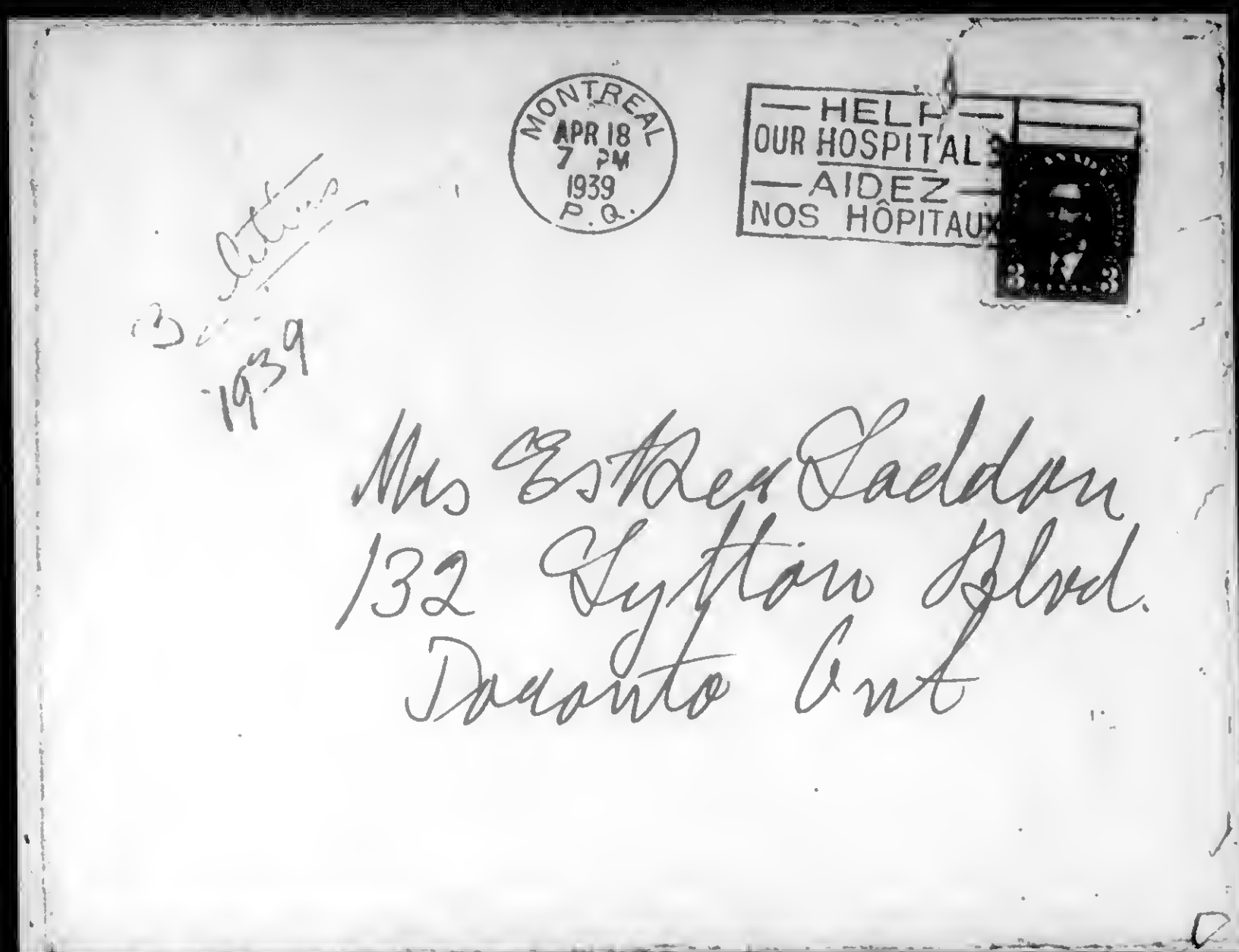
ately get in touch with you.
 Because if I can get away
 Sunday I should want
 to see all the comrades
 Saturday evening. I hope
 you will not object to
 inviting Ben. As Ben
 all these plans it will
 not be necessary to write
 Ben. Naturally I want
 to see Ben, all, Igtzels,
 Langhans, Steinberg,
 Sumner, Judson and
 Rose of the Libertarian
 Group.

I am looking forward
 to seeing you soon.
 With love, Emma
 Affd greetings to Ben, if he
 has not yet left on his trip.

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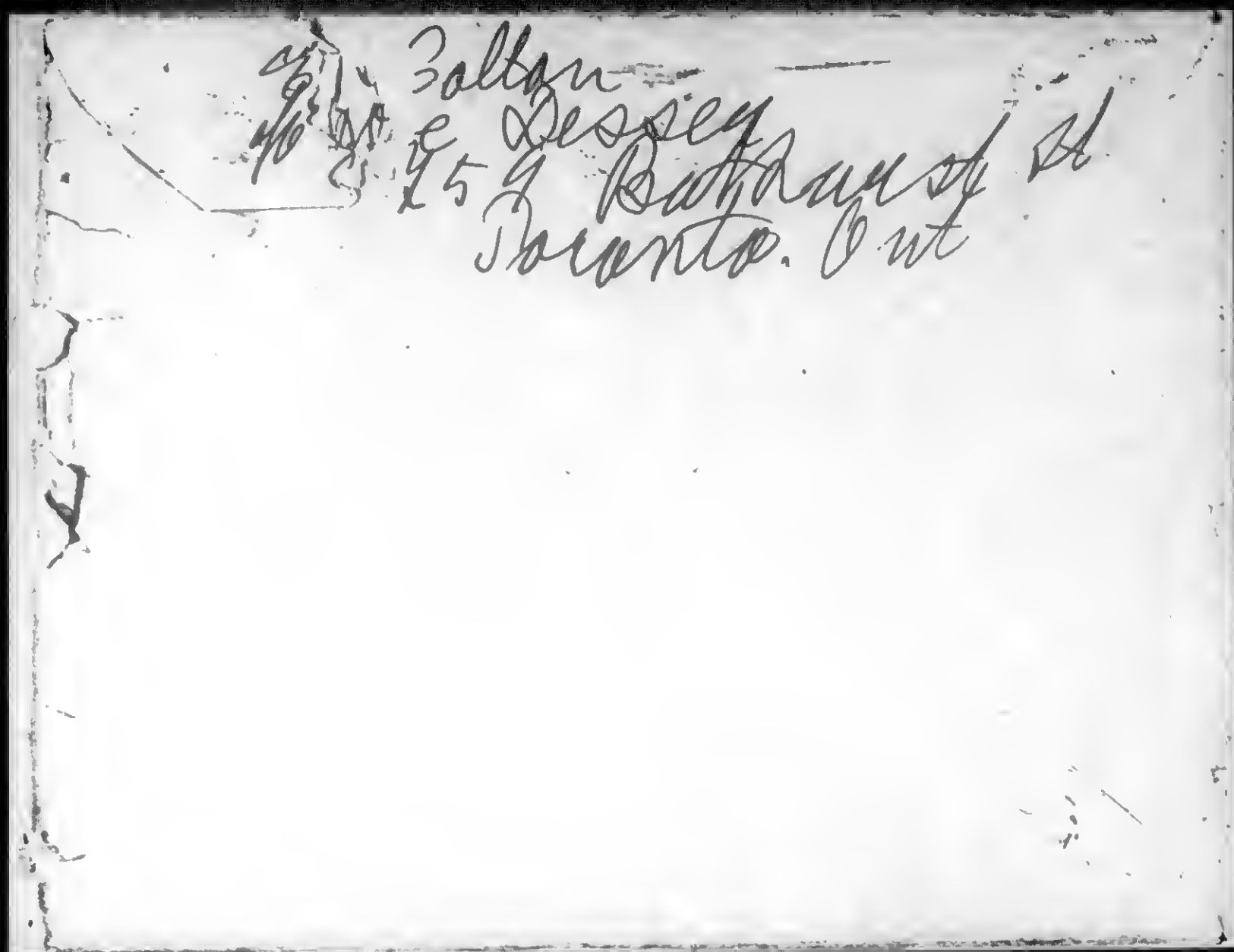
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Montreal April 18th 39
 Dearest Fitz. As you see I am
 actually in Canada. I arrived
 yesterday and am leaving
 you Toronto Friday. I found
 nothing arranged here, got
 me to the few who call them
 selves anarchists are living
 corpses. True, capitalism is
 rampant in Quebec and the
 laws devastating. Still, if
 there were energy and
 interest among those who
 are comrades some arrange-
 ments could have been
 made. However, I was
 disappointed about the sit-
 uation so I am not dis-
 appointed about Montreal.
 As to Toronto, I also do not

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expect much though a few
 a two people are there
 and what with my being
 near them a few meetings
 myself materialize. If I did
 not know the appalling
 condition of the Spanish
 refugees in the dreadful
 French camps, I shouldn't
 care if I never again
 faced an audience. As
 it is I must move the
 heavens to raise some
 money for those I left behind
 in France & left Spanish
 comrades in London.
 Dearest, the silence of
 Goliath speaks louder than

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ways that she achieved
nothing. Yet stupid though
it is I hang on every word
I saw in yesterday's meet-
ings that the Supreme
Court handed down a most
remarkable decision in
a separate case. Does
not imply a swing towards
a more liberal attitude?
If it does I might hold out
a dim flicker of hope for
my chances.

You must know Eugene
Lyons. He now owns the
Mercury with some one else
do you think he might be
able to help and be willing to?
Please see him. I wrote

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him after I had read
his assignment in Moscow
saying it was the worst
in Russia, I had been
waiting for you to read
the first two full stories of
by one who had been
there, knew the language
used through every thing
I had the courage to speak
apt. Nevertheless I received
a beautiful letter from him
yesterday I feel certain he
would be willing to do his
utmost to get me a visa
of course he may be taken
~~away~~ in Wash. and not
only with the rotten Communists

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anyhow see him my dear
and write me what he
had to say. I also want
you to see Margaret & the
Super. She and Carlo had
offered to try they had
the last I heard from them
was via a most dis-
couraging letter from
Roger to Margaret. She
added a line to say she
had not given up en-
tirely. This last my
feel made encouraged
by the Supreme Court decision
something wrong with my
typewriter when I would
write M & C. I will exam them to
see them please and give them

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My affectionate greetings
and my address in Toronto
which is 99 Desser
359 Bathurst St.
Give Pauline my love
as my address.
Let me hear from you
my dearest. Now that I
am so much nearer to you
I still terribly say I will
want to keep in closer touch
with you! So, you should
write often
I hold you to my aching
heart with love
Emma

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Montreal April 18/39

Dear H. W. as you see I have
reached Cayaba though why
and wherefore I know not.
With Fascism here hardly
run amuck nothing was
arranged for me, in the
Catholic golden tower. I
am therefore proceeding to
Toronto, this coming Friday.

I read in yesterday's paper
about the decision of
the Supreme Court on the
deportation. Does that mean
approving towards a more
liberal attitude as what I
suppose my wish is rather
to my daughter about my own
of a possible return. I wish
you would write me

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[APR. 18, 1939]

I just wrote Dizi suggesting
she should see Eugene Lynch
He showed in the Sacco Vanzetti
case. But he was a marvelous
witness. Maybe he could be
of help. I am certain he
would be willing.

So, write me soon please
I don't forget your promise
to come to the mountains
since it cannot come to
Mohamed. I mean your
visit this summer to
Daganta where I will be
stationed.

With my deep and ever
young affection
H. G.

cc Colton
Jo. J. Messer
2759, St. Jacques St.
Montreal, Ont.

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Dear Samuel Freedman,
as you see I have
at long last arrived in
Canada. I got here day before
yesterday and am leaving
for Toronto Friday. You
see nothing was arranged
in Montreal, the committee
whatever is left of them are
scared stiff of the Dulacks
and the fascists have
passed. Of course they
as private meetings are
being called, could have been
arranged, but even that
was not done. So there
is no use remaining
here. I have notified the

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could not make the
visit of any at the meeting
for the early part of May
else I will be too late
what with the warm weather
and the visit of my King
and Queen. I could see
I might have waited for
the gentleman to come to B.
But I could not stand
it in England any more.
Then too, the needs of
our Spanish comrades
are so desperate I thought
I might do something
on B. to help them.
I am determined to leave
B. and I want you

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Samuel, as you know
I suppose it might be
too close to the war
weather to undertake
a stage. If it is not
too well to start by
writing for Sept. Any
now I want you to
take the matter over
with the other comrades
and write me.

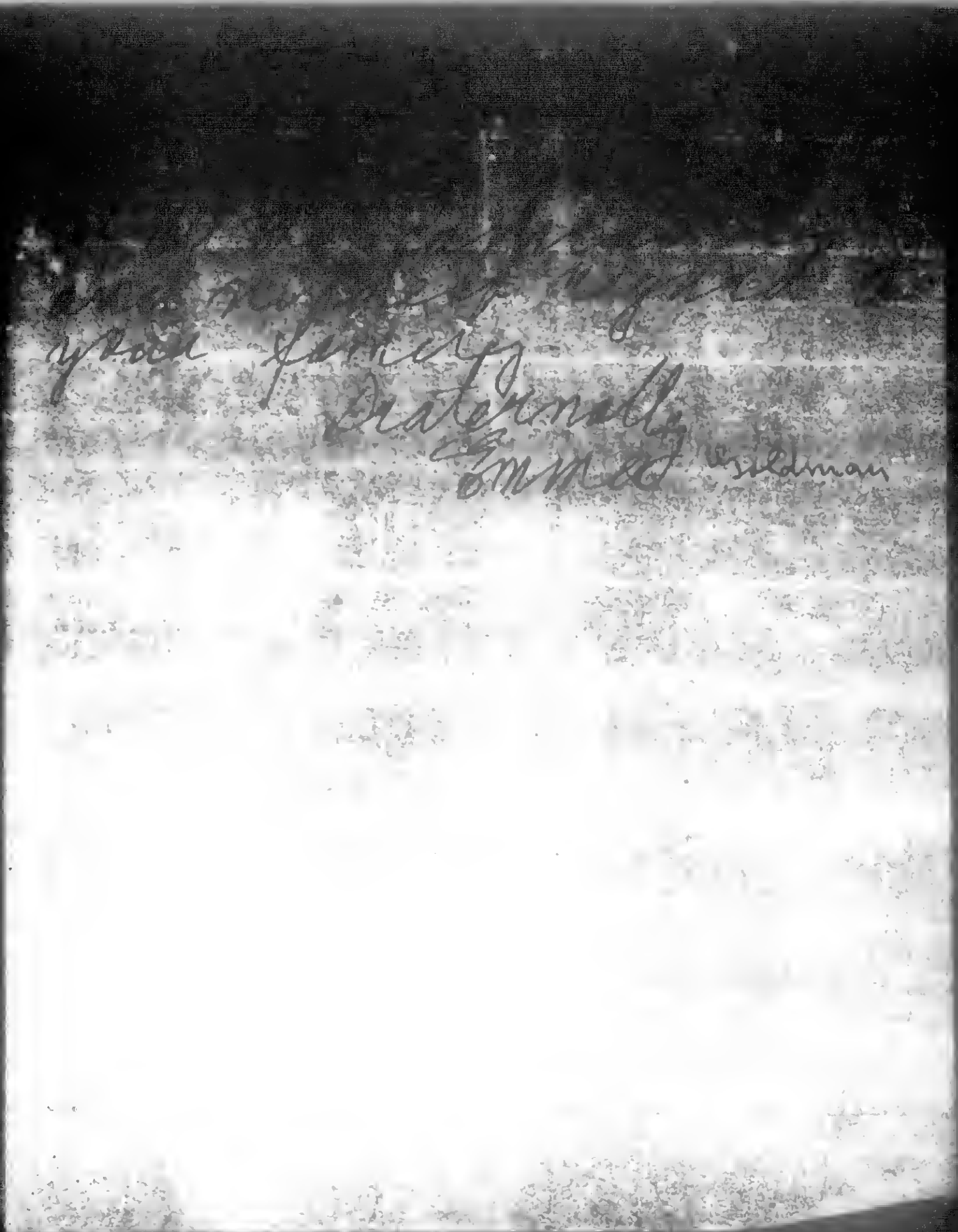
America so new now
seems made remote
place, so I don't know
if they will let me
I confess I have little
hopes.

Write me c/o Deser
759 Cabot St. Ave.

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Montreal April 19/39
 Dearest Rudolf and Milly
 As you see I am actively
 in Canada. I arrived last
 night, yesterday. I found
 that absolutely nothing has
 been arranged here, not
 even a private gathering
 is said to be at? But
 here there are no com-
 mune here or no move-
 ment in any part. The Sep-
 tember 1st are mainly
 attached to the Rocker fam-
 ily. I am sorry.
 I do not find
 in Canada I have not
 applied to myself no but it
 will be. I have written

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Roc

2
 ago, people do, go a head
 at least with one meeting
 you may believe me when
 I say that England has
 made the very idea
 of meetings ridiculous to
 me, not the slightest con-
 ception of what Spanish
 drives me as a worker
 to face audiences. Now
 more than ever because
 I set fifty Madrid and
 balanced villages in
 Canada everywhere
 I am I met when every-
 thing was at its height
 they were a group of the
 Spanish & other groups in
 Spanish & other groups in

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3
They came from France
on the same train and
lost with me, else we
should never have known
about them. As I had
only 3 days before sailing
I delayed about to get
some men, a committee that
would look after them.
But funds are desperate
needed, hence my an-
xiety about meeting. The
experts are nothing left
at wild goose chase.
Well I am in C and
I must win every
muscle and our people
America much closer
also seems much more
remote. So I must stick

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Roc

A in Canada, at least
until the winter. The fact
of the matter is I feel
so irritated I do not
belong anywhere. Yes, I
want nearly everything
but that way now. And
in my case it is not
due to the difficulties of getting
my aunt, rather it is
because there is no more
more anywhere, no new
world to give a life. The
tragedy is that nothing
dedicated fifty years to
one thing and she came
and did anything else.
Not enough of misery.
How are you my dear?
Give me to Canada of
Dexter 559 Boulevard

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Give my love to Dolly
in Berlin
Love to you both
Emma

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Montreal April 20/39

Dear Leon.

Perhaps you know already that I have reached Canada safely. I arrived last Monday. I cannot when I got here that a completely gathering had been organised here, not even a banquet. I do not have to tell you now for I can, however. It is only that I would have said some interest among the few comrades and it might have brought some material results for our suffering Jewish comrades. And the anarchist

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Here we are dead as a door
nail.

Well, I am leaving for
Toronto tomorrow after
noon. There are a few
active comrades here at
least. They have already
arranged an English
meeting for the 29th of
this month as a gesture
for the first of May
of only the summer where
not so close at hand
and the visit of the Royal
traveling sales camp if
we could have more
meetings. It is to read
have to devote the whole
summer in organizing a
tour through Canada, for

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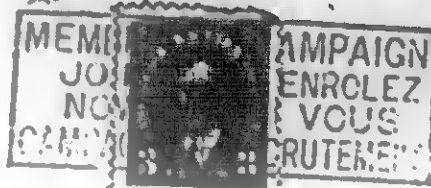
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3
 The Fall is an occasional
 picnic or something to
 raise some money for
 our unfortunate friends
 who are in dire need.
 And you dear Leon, how
 are you? Any chance of
 your paying me a visit?
 I have no hopes in
 coming to the States, so
 you will have to come
 to Canada, or see a ge-
 neral agent. Write
 me at 1, Besset, 15-4
 Avenue de la Paix
 and have Emma

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Albany, New York
U. S. A.

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April 21, 1939

Mrs. E. G. Colton
c/o J. Lessey
759 Rathurst Street
Toronto, Ontario
Canada.

My dear E.G.:

Welcome back to the American Continent, which at least is partly free. There are some of us who continue to work to make it wholly free.

I send you herewith clipping from the Daily News from which you gather that the decision in reference to the deportation of Strecker is that he cannot be deported because he had left the Communist party and did not advocate the overthrow of government by force and violence.

Just at this particular time with the war scares, with the red scares, with the politicians breaking loose, I think it would be a bad time to make your application to be admitted into this country.

Eugene Lyons is now the editor of the Mercury Magazine and that is a full time job but I think he would be willing to help get you a visa to come into this country. I don't think it is a matter of a movement or a big public request. The State Department would have to issue the visa. I don't believe they would do so at the present time. I think in about a month or less, there might be a chance if the present war situation cools down.

Yes this mountain will go to Mohamed, up in Toronto. As soon as I get a few pushing things out of the way and get my car running. Hope to spend a few days in and around Toronto with you. Remember the last long car ride along the River. That is one of my fine memories.

I am with all best,

Sincerely,

H.W.
Enc.

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Toronto, April 24, 1939.

Dearest Fitz:

I arrived here Friday evening and found your letter of April 17th. On Saturday I also received your short note written by hand. First of all I want to let you know that a letter from Teddy which reached me here dated April 20, had the good news that Stella had gained five pounds ~~xx~~ perhaps he got this information after he had seen Pauline, hence the difference ~~between~~ in Stella's gain, he also wrote me that Dr. Poletan had told him that Stella was less agitated than she had been for some time, all that is of course, very small encouragement, but if she would go on gaining it would mean a general improvement. You will understand how I feel being so much nearer to New York and yet no nearer to Stella than if I were in Europe.

I received a letter from Pauline with the letter written to Alex by his friend, Charlie. Much as I want to come back to the States I had to decline the suggestion of writing to the Roosevelts. It would seem so humiliating, actually spitting in my own face, to personally address the President of the United States for permission to enter the country—merely to see my friends and comrades and "to celebrate my 70th birthday", really Dearest it would be so ludicrous I couldn't face it. I believe I wrote you that I was willing to pocket my self-respect and ask for a visa if by coming to the States I could pull my own poor Stella out of her gloom. I wouldn't have cared whether I would have been permitted to appear publicly or not. It was to save Stella that I was willing to beg for reentry, but I couldn't do it for anything else. Our dear Pauline suggested that Roosevelt was not like other presidents. That may be true, but he is still the head of the United States government and I still happen to be an anarchist, perhaps more so than ever because of the frightful mess all governments have made in recent years. You may say that whoever would have approached for me would also have to beg, but I am sure that you will agree that to do the begging for someone else is not so sickening as to do it for oneself. Anyway, I will have to forego my chance of getting back much as I long to do so—rather than to write to the Roosevelts. Besides it may be a humiliation for nothing at all as the Roosevelts are likely to refuse me even if I were willing to write to them.

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I can appreciate very deeply your feeling when you came upon that miserable rat Content. Frankly I cannot understand people who call themselves revolutionists and who can hobnob with ~~the~~ people who do the dirty jobs of the system they are fighting. But that seems to be "the beauty" of the so-called democracies, where all can mingle without pride and without consistency. Carlo was always lacking in taste. ~~Who~~ is bed-fellows were, I am glad to know though that he was given a grand party for his 60th birthday. You don't say whether you had a chance to talk to him or Margaret whether they were doing anything at all in my case. Regarding Jo Coffin I never received her letter so I don't know what has become of it. I was rather disappointed not to have word of what she had accomplished. Well, my dear, we shall have to give up further efforts in regard to Washington since everybody seems to think there is no chance.

I don't know how Arthur Leonard Ross feels now, I had word from him some time ago when he seemed terribly depressed, I am referring to him because he would be of great help in the appeal that you plan to give out. Not that he is in a position to contribute but he knows a lot of people who are, among them there are two Canadian women who are from Montreal and who are now living in New York. Their names are: Mrs. Fan Stark and Mrs. Edith Schwartz. I talked to Mrs. Schwartz over the phone when I was in Montreal but she has gone back to New York. ~~Max~~ ~~xxxxxxx~~ I feel sure that Arthur will know their addresses and of course he must have a whole list of people who may respond. You might write to Jean Levey, her address is 1535 Merchandise Mart, Chicago. She would I think co-operate with you in covering Chicago people and comrades and friends. The only thing is that she and Jay, her husband, plan to make a trip to New York and pay me a visit on the way in May however you might write her.

I just found Teddy's letter which I am enclosing. Dearest you keep on saying more could be done for Stella. I am certain as I could possibly be that Teddy does not permit Stella to want for anything which money could buy. If only her appetite would increase, every delicacy would be bought for her. I feel certain about that. Anyway I am also enclosing the letters which reached me on the boat please return both.

Thank you for the clippings from the Saturday Evening Post. The writer of the articles is remarkably well informed about the effect of Satlin's hand in Spain. His reference to an anarchist being in the OGPU. has no basis whatever unless the man he refers to is the one who was the consul-general for the Soviet government. I did not know that this man was ever an anarchist, he was however one of the sailors of Kronstadt who stormed the winter palace. His name was Antonov of Ovshienko. I know of no leading Russian anarchist in Spain during the struggle or who could have acted as a provocator. Actually there are only two outstanding anarchists in Paris, one is Volin and the other Shapirko, but for the rest the articles are very authentic and portray the actual activities of the Russian Communists in Spain.

Write me again soon, dearest Fitz, with much love

EMM

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Toronto, April 24, 1939.

Dearest Milly:

I arrived here Friday evening and found your letter of the 13th instant as well as the long letter from Rudolph dated the 12th. It warmed my heart the loving greetings from both of you. I found the comrades quite awake and ready to do their utmost to make the few meetings we shall have successful. As Rudolph wrote me some time ago the warm weather will set in and prevent any extended lecture tour through Canada, I realize that fully but I couldn't stand another day in England. The lack of spirit of the few comrades that we have there and the inefficiency of the few who worked with me had nearly driven me mad. I felt that I must get away. I was rushed sick the last days because of the Spanish refugees who came to England on the same train and steamer from Paris. They were refugees from Madrid and Valencia, fifty comrades I had met in 1937 in outstanding positions, it made me want to weep when I met them on the boat in rags starved looking and ill. There was one thing that impressed me and that was their spirit which I did not find among the Spanish comrades in Paris, but then those among them from Madrid and Valencia had been spared the cruel conditions in the concentrations camps in France, so it was not surprising that they should still have their morale. I had only three days left before sailing to organize an committee of our most dependable women comrades who would undertake to make our people comfortable and to give them the feeling that they are among comrades. I haven't yet heard from anyone how well they have succeeded in securing shelter, food and change of clothing for our fifty Spaniards.

I am afraid, my dear, that I gave you the wrong impression of Vazquez. Not for a moment did I mean to suggest that he is using the money belonging to the C.N.T. and F.A.I. for himself. V. is a fanatical stickler for the ethics of the organization, he has the idea the the money should be used for collective purposes and not for individual purposes. I cannot agree with such an attitude, to me it seems that we are repeating the Marxism method of neglecting the individual for the sake of the party or the group, however, that does not make me doubt the integrity of V. Ofcourse he has the tendency to compromise and he certainly has not the making of a great morale force

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like Durruti for instance. Ah, yes if only Durruti had remained alive there would have been no such frightful end to such a glorious beginning. In a measure we are paying for our belief that the masses as such can bring about fundamental changes. There never was a more proletarian revolution than the Spanish one, but there was a terrible poverty in great minds and strength of character, that was the real tragedy in Spain.

Give Rudolf my love and tell him that I will answer his letter when I am somewhat rested and when my mind is clearer than it is now. With love to Polly and Fernan and yourself.

Emma



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[from Rose Pesotta]

April 26, 1939

E. G. Colton
c/o Joe Lesser
733 Latamart
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Dearest Emma:

Your card came the other day. I am so glad that you have at last succeeded in crossing the Atlantic for your much needed rest.

Unfortunately, I shall be unable to leave Boston until about the middle of May. If you are in Toronto by the 13th, I shall try to come up on that weekend.

We are still busy with the organization drive, winding up the campaign, and I can't wait to leave until it is over.

I received word from Lollie about the refugees. I sent her some money, but unfortunately, it will be impossible to do anything else. I don't know whether the children of Spain will get an opportunity to be admitted into this country as refugees. There are so many groups collecting money and talking about aiding Spanish refugees. The Trade Union relief for Spain is being run by the International under President Dubinsky, and money is being sent directly to Schavenelles. I sent Molly a letter and credential to Schavenelles, and there may be some way to raise money for our comrades. Dubinsky is out West in Kansas City, otherwise I would have seen him about the refugee aid.

I hope to see you and talk matters over.

Love,

Emma-G
c/o

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My darling Liza. At last I can write you. Coming into a new country and new city after years absence sort of disorganises one's life. I landed in Toronto a week ago yesterday. I was overwhelmed by people, telephone calls and the need to prepare my first lecture which took place last Thursday. There was therefore not a free moment. But today I definitely decided to devote to the few friends I have left behind in London. I do not need to tell you that you hold a cherished place among them.

The crossing for me was wonderful. I was not ill a moment. I was on deck all day and absorbed in a book I picked up in the ship library. It had a great sale and marvelous reviews but I never had a chance to read it before. It is GONE WITH THE WIND. If you have a chance get it and read it. The author is very Southern and the story deals with the American Civil War. Of course, the woman is partial to the South and makes the North appear villainous, just as every country now writes about the other. However, that does not take away from the intense interest of the work. It is a remarkable first novel. Be sure to read it.

I remained only four days in Montreal. Fascism is in full swing there and no hall could be obtained. Last Friday I arrived here and was given an unexpected reception at the railway station. All the comrades turned out in full force, also the press and press photographers. I thought it was all for some government officials or newly-weds. But no, it was for your old Emma. Well, here is a cutting in the TORONTO STAR of last Saturday. Not bad as you will agree and most important it advertised my first lecture which took place last Thursday the 27th. The meeting was well attended by a most attentive audience. The admission was 25 cents and the response to my appeal for the Spanish refugees \$64.50. More gratifying than all else was the relief I felt for the first time in four years in speaking. You remember dear, I always told you that no one in England ever heard me speak as I dared to in the States. That was because every time I went to a meeting my throat felt choked up, as if someone was clutching my throat. And also because I could never free myself from the fear that I would be treading on people's toes. Now I had no such fears, and my voice rang out free and strong as in the olden days. You cannot imagine my liberated sensation. The response was warm and friendly. That too, was satisfactory.

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I have two English lectures and one in Yiddish still to deliver. Then all meetings will have to discontinue because of the summer heat. I shall not mind it so much because I want to do some most neglected reading, get my summer clothes in order and visit with the few of my family who will be coming here and my friends. I do not have to tell you about the depth of my despair that I will not see Stella, or my beloved brother though his wife maybe able to drive him over. But still, my heart grows heavy with the agony over her condition. I had a letter from Teddy dated April 20th containing a bit of good news, her appetite has improved a little, and she has gained six pounds. But we dare not hope that this will keep up. I might enjoy my stay here but for Stella's condition which mars everything for me.

I am going to move into a small apartment in the house of awfully nice Dutch friends of mine. I prefer that to living with my dear Esther Leddon who has a beautiful home at my disposal, and like you finds nothing to much to make me comfortable. But I will feel freer in my own apartment to receive and entertain who ever will come from America to see me. I am moving there after the 16th of next month when my lecture will be over. My address will be 295 Vaughan St. Rd. Toronto. Mrs. Leddon is giving me some furniture. I could use my bed, rugs and portiers. But I will also do without them. Esther is giving me a bed and a comrade trading in mattresses, a mattress, and I will also be given a rug. ANYHOW, it will be alright. The main thing is the feeling of freedom and independence. So wish me luck in my new home.

So far I have had no word from Auntie about Emmy. It is a sigh that she is alive and probably preparing for another operation. Nothing on earth can stop that as long as there will be a breath of life in E. So there is nothing to do about it. I will let you know when I hear from Auntie how E. is getting along. The hundred dollars E. received was from her sister as a result of my cable. By the way, her sister has sent her money all along. And Stein too, has cabled money several times. E. never once mentioned this fact nor that she was being kept in better shape than you and I by her Frenchman.

Dearest, under separate cover I am sending you three amazing articles on Stalin's part in Spain, the real cause of the purge in the Red Army, and Stalin's overtures to Hitler. It makes extraordinary reading and bears me out in what I have always maintained to what extent Stalin will go to bolster up his power. Please let the Mazovers read the articles and then send them to Doris Zhukov, 12 Hillside Gardens, Edgware, Middlesex. I have written Ethel to get hold of the SATURDAY EVENING POST of the 15th, 22nd and 29th of this month. There is one item in the first article which I am now investigating, namely that a prominent Anarchist in the Russian group in Paris, ~~was in the OGPU~~ is in the OGPU and has given the writer some information. I have written Mollie and Alexander Chepero to find out if there is such a prominent Anarchist in the Russian group, or any other Anarchist who would

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lend himself to such despicable jobs. One thing I know already there was no prominent foreign anarchist in Spain near the leading Spanish Anarchists who he could influence as a provocateur. But outside of this the article is written by one who knows every detail of Stalin's Hand in Spain.

I suppose this will reach you when Luba will already have left. I know you must feel very lonely with the two of us gone though we were both away so much. How I wish you would find someone whom you could love and who would give you the love and security you need and deserve. I know what your answer will be. But I also know that time must heal all wounds. Until that time take as much from life as you can, go about more, or let your friends take you out, those who have cars. Here nearly everyone has a car. I was taken to and from the lecture, and yesterday for a ride. My Dutch friends also have a car and a lot of people I know here do so I will be able to drive about a bit. It will help fill out the summer.

Give Luba my love or send it to her when you write her. Remember me to your "virgin ladies," to the Mazovars, Zuckermans, Dr Novakovsky and your other friends. Tell Zuckerman to be sure to get the SATURDAY EVENING POSTS and read the articles in them and all of you still have such faith in Stalin's regime. It might help you to see that he is as ruthless and as unscrupulous as Hitler, Mussolini and the others.

With lots and lots of love to you my dearest Liza.

Emma.

Monday May 1st. I am in a
"a great" having the idea of
to be a car on Friday, saying
any day. The only reason for
can add it at 3:00 if necessary
next Saturday the 6th instead
of the 16th.

I can only send
you 2 copies of the 1st of 15th of
the 2nd of April. The 3rd will be sent
from New York.

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Mr. Will interest you

Excerpts from a letter

About Isaac Don Levine, I know he means for the best. But I am really indignant that he should suggest the idea that I should go before the Dies Commission. If I would never again be able to see the United States and even if my life depended on it, I would not be used by that nauseating commission that has no interest whatever in freedom of anything. It is only too obvious that Dies is attacking the Communists for his own personal engrandissement and that he represents the most reactionary and blackest elements in the U. S. But much as I loathe Dies and his commission, I loathe the renegade communist more. These who have been in the Party, who have for years thrown mud on all of us who have disclosed the actual state of affairs in Russia and Stalin's activities in Spain, these miserable informers now compete with one another to confess their sins, of all people, to the Dies Commission.

Nothing on earth would induce me to become one of them. And, this, not because I give a damn for the attacks that would follow were I to join the bounds. You know, yourself, that I do not mind that. It is my own self-respect and my own integrity which never permit me to buy my entry into the U. S. by helping Mr. Dies.

True, I have nothing but contempt for the American Communist and my stand on Russia is to-day where it has been from the very beginning. If anything, the recent events, as represented by the Stalin-Hitler pact, have merely vindicated everyone of us who predicted long ago the abysmal treachery that Stalin was capable of. My three visits to Spain have proven to me that there is no difference whatsoever between Stalin and Hitler. If anything, I came to the conclusion at the time that Hitler is less hypocritical. He has openly admitted his part in working into the hands of Franco. Not so Stalin and his satellites. They have shouted from the housetops that they are interested in Democracy and peace. They have made the majority of idiotic liberals believe that Stalin is opposed to fascism and that he is helping to slay the dragon. In reality he only tried by the most sadistic methods to place his iron heel on the neck of the Spanish people; and when they would have none of him he worked into the hands of Franco and crushed the most magnificent constructive beginning ever known in history. So my stand on Russia has not changed. It has been strengthened a thousandfold. I have and I mean to continue to tear the mask from the hideous face of Stalin and to show up the unscrupulousness, the dishonesty and the cowardness of the communists. But that will have to be on my own independent platform, or before groups of people who are really libertarian. Never shall it be before the Dies Commission. You may tell that to Don, if you see him again.

Sincerely,

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[May 1939, enclosure]

TO MY COMRADES AND FRIENDS IN THE UNITED STATES

Dear Comrades and Friends:

As you see I am now very near to all of you, though still very far away. Fortunately, there are no spiritual boundaries or to the all-embracing force of comradeship and solidarity. I, therefore, feel very close to all of you regardless of the arbitrary frontier division. And I feel certain that you feel close to me.

The 18th of August will be exactly a half century since I entered our ranks and took up the battle for anarchism. Far from having reasons to regret this step I can say honestly that I am more convinced than in August, 1889, of the logic and justice of our ideal. True, we are passing through a period of the blackest reaction in every country. The fascists, the so-called democracies and even "the workers' fatherland" are competing with each other to further force the chains of economic and political slavery and to destroy the individual altogether. By this very scramble for power the state in every country has proven its utter inability to meet the needs of the people and to maintain even a modicum of freedom and well-being.

Only one country and one people have attempted to translate anarchist thought and ideas into action. These were Spain and the Spanish people. By their heroic struggle against fascism and in defence of the Spanish Revolution and even more so by their magnificent constructive work, they have silenced forever the contention that anarchism is a wild idea, utterly impracticable and never to be realized. If they have in the end been defeated, it was entirely due to the conspiracy of the democracies and Soviet Russia to crush the Spanish Revolution at all costs. No less guilty was the International Proletariat. By its acquiescence to the half-hearted sympathy on the part of its leaders with Spain the workers have betrayed their Spanish brothers and have thus helped Franco to defeat the glorious beginning in Spain.

Isaac Franco has defeated the Spanish Revolution, but he has not conquered the Spanish workers and peasants of the National Confederation of Labour, the anarchist Federation of Iberia and the Libertarian Youth. Forced to flee the tender mercies of Franco, subjected to the most barbarous treatment in the French concentration camps, our Spanish comrades continued to be imbued with their ideal. These I am able to see before I called for ~~thousands of~~ comrades entrusted to with a message to the comrades in Canada and the United States. It is: "Tell all the comrades that though defeated we are not conquered. As long as we still have a living breath, no power will succeed in crushing us and in extinguishing our flames and it is our determination to go back to Spain and to take up once more the battle to realize the promise of July 19, 1936."

There is nothing I can add to this message, except to impress upon all of you comrades of the United States the need of increasing your fervour and energy for our fellow Spanish comrades now suffering beyond belief in the French concentration camps.

fraternally,

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Darling Fitz. I hope my letter reached you. This is only to send you the inclosed clipping from the TORONTO STAR reporting the interview on my arrival here. I will send you the report of my first lecture in my next letter. Also I want you to please do something for me. I inclose \$1, get the SATURDAY EVENING POST of the 15th, 22nd and 29th and send to Mollie Alperine, 23 rue des Volontaires Paris XV France, to Augustine Souchy, 113 Boulevard St Michel Paris V. to Ralph Barr c/o REVOLT, 21 Frith Street London W.1 and one set to M.H. Goldman 39, New York Ave. Huntington New Long Island, New York. Also a copy of the 29th to Mrs Liza Koldofsky 6 Sneath Avenue London N.W.11. I sent her the articles in the 15th and 22nd. They are all most amazing stuff written by a man minutely informed. I have my doubts about this "prominant Anarchist of the Russian group in Paris who is in the GPU, ~~or who was~~ close to the ~~leading~~ leading Spanish Anarchists" I have written Mollie to be sure and trace the charge in the Russian group if there is such a thing in Paris.

Saturday I am moving to my own Aprt at 295 Vaughan Rd. Toronto. The Tel. there is Melrose 22 21 in case you should wish to call me up. If I knew what your phone is and when you are likely to be in I would call you. It would be balm to hear your

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voice. Moe called me up last night, to hear his voice went straight to my heart.

Please let Pauline read the inclosed clipping and give her my new address and phone number. Also to Arthur Leonard Ross he owes me a letter.

With love.

Emma

*Send also a set of the articles
to Mr. Jack Bartlett
47 Cambridge New Rd
London E.C. 5. England*

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Dear H.W. Thanks for your letter. Believe it or not I am looking forward to seeing Mohamed who will come to the mountain. I certainly have not forgotten our wonderful trip in the South of France and how well you submitted to your commissar. Alas, there are no such ravishing landscapes in Canada even if it has its own beauty. However, I don't care so long as you will come and we can talk over what was and is, and will never be the same again. My address will be 295 Vaughan Rd, my telephone in case you should want to call me up some evening is Melrose 22,21.

You will remember the case of the friend I wrote you about who went to Spain to fight. His name is Martin Gudell and he is a native of Rochester New York. I wrote you that he applied for and American passport. After he was kept waiting for two months the Consul in Marseille notified him that Wash had refused his application. No reasons were given. But my friend knows that a relative of his who lives in Rochester had been questioned and that he had told the inspector that Martin Gudell was born in Rochester. In addition a mutual friend of ours was sent to R. to look up the birth registry. He sent Martin his birth certificate to Marseille. Do you think anything can be done and would you undertake to find out why Martin Gudell was refused a passport when he is a native of the States, and his father had been naturalised? Please old man do what you can in the matter. Martin is a rare character and I am very keen on helping him to get back to the States. Please write me

I inclose a copy of the report of my first lecture. There are several errors due I believe to the ignorance of the reporter rather than deliberation. I have just written the editor and have asked him to bring my correction. It is where he mixed the Gestapo with the OGPU, where he quotes me as saying Stalin did not want Franco defeated because he wanted to establish his dictatorship and finally, where he quotes me as having said that no aid was given to Catalonia. What I did say was that Stalin's satraps helped to defeat Franco until they realised that their dictatorship will never take root in Spanish soil. Once this became apparent he did undermined the Loyalist forces. And what I also stated was that the CNT-FAI and Libertarian Youth never received a tin of milk, or a single gun. They were Anarchists you see and Stalin rather wanted Franco than them. Please let Fitch read the clipping and ask her to forward it

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to Pauline, and she is to send it to Teddy. I have already used up 12 copies so I must be economical with what I still have left.

Write me soon please.

With my old and abiding friendship

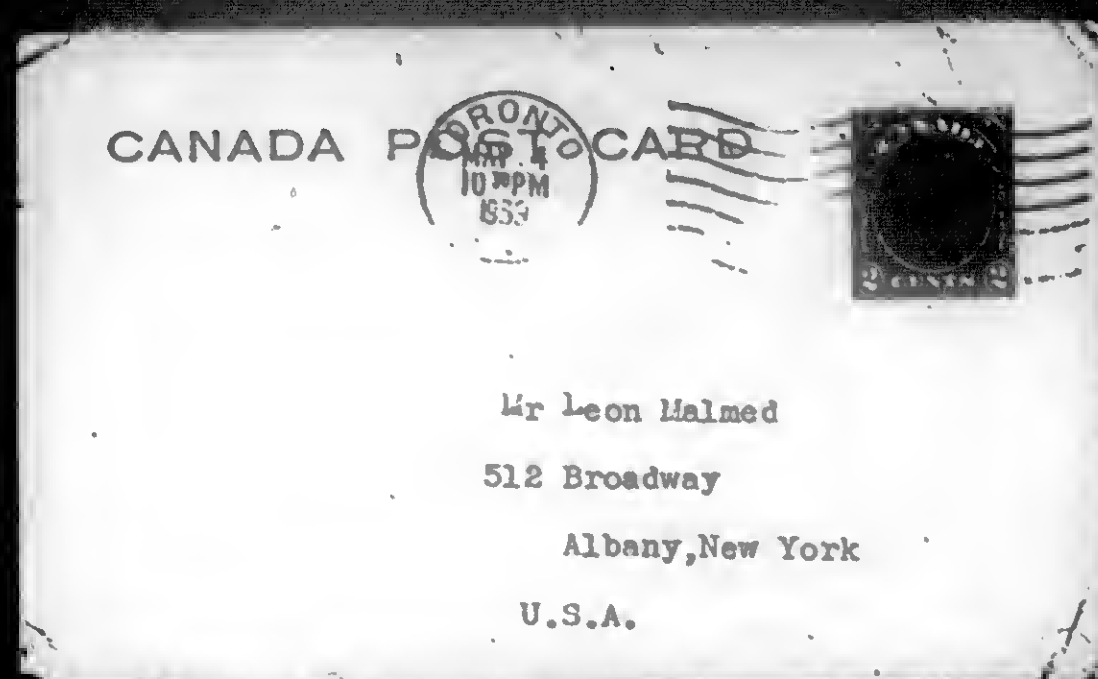
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Besides my second lecture the 9th I also speak the 16th and the 28th. Also I may have to go to Windsor the 19th, but in between I will be in my new place evenings, so you could call me up if you care to hear my "soothing" voice.

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Toronto May 4th 39

Dear Leon. I received your letter. My first meeting was fairly well attended and I am now working on my next lecture which takes place the 9th of this month. Saturday I am moving into an apart in the house of awfully nice Dutch comrades. I have four small rooms but it will mean freedom and independence which I miss more than ever. Should you be able to pay me a visit some day I will put you up provided all my family members and friends do not come at once.

My address is 295 Vaughan Rd. My Telephone Melrose 22 21.

Give my love to Bertha and kind greetings to your sons. Affectionately. *EG*

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Toronto, May 9, 1939 LONDON, W.1

Dear Lillian:

I was glad to get your letter of April 25th and to know how you are. I was also delighted to know that the New World Citizen is expected this month. I wish you a speedy delivery and health for yourself and the baby.

Pauline
 I have been very busy since I arrived., seeing a number of people, lecturing April 27th and last night and moving into new quarters, an independent little apartment which will leave me free and quite independent of the need of accepting hospitality. Not that I lacked offers, The comrades here are very generous and some of them would only be too pleased to have me stay with them. The home of one friend in particular offered every comfort and luxury, yet I felt that I ~~will feel~~ much more at ease having my own place. The rooms are small, but they are light and airy, and my "landlady" is a sweet Dutch comrade. Both she and her husband are very fine people and most devoted to me. I am, therefore, looking forward to a peaceful and restful home. I needed both very much indeed after the strenuous years in England working for Spain and the many disappointments there.

My first meeting was well attended and my appeal for political refugees brought \$4. 50. I wish I could say the same for last night. The subject was the European situation. One would have expected a large crowd for such a burning theme. But evidently the Canadians feel too far removed from the mad European scene and not interested. The only consolation was ~~another~~ in the response of \$30.60 for the refugees. The first meeting was fairly well reported as you will see by the clippings also the report of the interview. After you have read the clippings will you please return them. I need so many and though I got two dozen copies of each I not nearly enough to send around.

I am very uneasy about Jeanne and Jay. I wrote her several letters and postcards since I arrived here. but no reply. I don't know what to make of it. If you have any word will you be so good to drop me a line to reassure me. She wrote me that she and Jay would be coming along to see me on their way to New York. I have no idea when that is to be.

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Yes, my Stella is very ill, and while the psychiatrists in the medical centre give us the best of hopes I am nevertheless very distressed that I will not be able to see her. Life is full of so many great tragedies in the world, one's personal tragedies do not seem quite so deep. But they are none the less very poignant.

Please give my love to Angelica. Tell her I will not be able to write her until my meetings here are over. I will close on the 28th of this month. Meanwhile give her my new address 295 Vaughan Rd. I will be glad to hear from her. I did not know that you contemplated returning to New York so soon. I hope there will be a way of seeing you and William before you move on. It is reasonably certain that I will not be permitted to re-enter the States. So my friends will have to come to me if they really want to see me again and if they are able to do so.

Do keep in touch with me, and be sure to tell William to let me know when the great event has taken place. Here is my telephone - Me. 2221, in case you or he want to get in touch with me. Kind greetings to both of you.

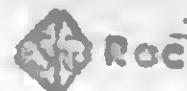
Emma Goldman

Just received a letter from
Jeanne, she & gay are coming
here the first week in June.
It will be grand to see them.
EG

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Toronto, May 10, 1939.

Dearest Rudolf:

Millie will have told you that I received your long and interesting letter of April 12th. As usual it was a spiritual and intellectual treat. For it is no exaggeration when I tell you that I so thoroughly agree most of the time with you in your attitude to life and in your deep understanding of the most complex problem that a letter from you is always a great event. Take for instance all you say in your last letter. Would it surprise you when I tell that this has been my attitude to Spain and to the struggle of our comrades from the beginning when I first went to Spain and until the last hour. Even now, although terribly torn over the frictions between our suffering comrades which I confronted in Paris I haven't it in my heart to be critical, much less to say "I told you so." With you I know that their position was dictated by the world conspiracy against them and by the indifference of the International Proletariat. As to the Democracies I haven't words enough to express my contempt for them and my resentment for their cowardly and hypocritical stand. I, too, could not see how our people could possibly win fighting as they did with their backs ~~xxx~~ to the ~~xxx~~ against the whole world. And, yet, I think that in some respects Spain was not so far from the mark. I realize as well as you do, my dear, Rudolf, that life is more intricate, more contradictory and more compelling than any theory or philosophy about life. I also realize that we have no assurance whatsoever of the success of our people in Spain had they not entered the government or submitted to the dreadful iron hold of Stalin. We can merely speculate what might have been. One thing is certain they could not fare any worse. But in one thing you are right a thousand times over. It is where you say that if our people would have remained consistent to the last they ~~xxx~~ have opened the doors to ~~xx~~ Franco much sooner ~~than they did~~. In point of fact that was the very thing which our comrades dreaded more than anything in the world. ~~It is~~ when

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It is this fear which haunted them day and night and which forced them to act as they did in May '37. Over and over again I was told by every one of our comrades in the highest position as well as the rank and file that to have acted otherwise in May would have meant to open the fronts to Franco and that ~~was~~ they would rather forego anything than to be even indirectly instrumental in permitting such a thing. Their communist allies were not so scrupulous. Time on end they opened the fronts to Franco. Their heroes Lister, Galen, Modesto and the rest betook themselves into safety when the enemy was too near. And by their attempted overthrow of the Madrid defense council they used up the precious arms on our people rather than the forces of Franco. This brings me back to Sania and what I said about him being correct in some respects. I have in mind his criticism of the complete surrender of our people to Moscow's conditions. Don't you see he knew as you and I did that nothing but evil will come of this. Moreover, there was no necessity of their complete surrender. Stalin was too greedy for the gold he had been promised and for the chance of placing his iron heel on the backs of the Spanish people. He would have consented to send arms without the acquiescence of our comrades and sickening idolstion of everything Soviet that appeared in Soli day after day for more than a year. In other words, Sania foresaw the price our comrades will have to pay. However, this is not the time to thrash out as to who was right and who was wrong. I smiled when I read your reference to his letter to Mark, wherein he said our Spaniards are coming to see that he was right. Strangely enough the only man from whom he could have learned that is the very comrade of whom Sania once said that he should be among the three that should be shot before anything could be achieved in Spain, and that man is none other than Santillan. It is funny isn't it dear, if it were not so tragic how some people appear so important to themselves.

I hold that nothing that our comrades omitted to do to bring their actions in harmony with their ideas was so important and from a historic point of view so significant as their determination not to impose dictatorship on the Spanish people. This will weigh in the balance against any mistakes they may have made. For it is the first time in a social struggle that a group of people had the power for a dictatorship and yet refused to use it for that purpose. True, all these so-called practical people now say that the Spaniards have gained nothing because the other side ruled by means of a dictatorship. But I feel certain that Posterity will evaluate this one determined and consistent step on the part of CNT-FAI, in the highest degree.

Regarding Vazquez, I have already explained to Millie that she misunderstood when she thought for one moment I meant imply that he was either dishonest or that he refused assistance for any other reason than the fact that the money in his hands (I really do not know whether it is much or little) belonged to the organization. He does not feel justified in using a sou from that fund without the consent of that organization. Unfortunately, the members of the CNT were spread in the camps among the hundreds of thousands of prisoners and it is impossible to get them together

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the way, have you read the three articles in the Saturday Evening Post of April 15, 22, 29 by a former intelligence agent in the Soviet government. If not, you must make it your purpose to get them. Especially the first and the third. The first is ~~about~~ ^{about} Stalin's hand in Spain, and the third describing Stalin's methods to appease Hitler. All the whitewashing of the New Masses notwithstanding the writer is tremendously informed to which I can testify regarding Spain. There is only one thing that is dubious to me and that is where the author says that "a prominent anarchist in the Russian group in Paris who is a member of the CP U" gave him some information. And that he is supposed to have had an influence on the comrades in Spain as provocateur. I know of "no prominent" anarchist in Russian group in Paris. But I have written ~~Woll~~ ^{Woll} to make immediate investigation. Everything else in the article tallies to the last degree in what the communists actually did in Spain.

Give Polly my love and tell her I will be very glad to see her when she comes. I have a little apartment of my own and I could put her up provided no one else will precede her. I am expecting my sister but if she does not come before Polly I will be happy to have Polly as my guest. She will have to let me know in advance as I will want to bring a few things from the States. I understand everything is much cheaper there. Give Mills my love and tell her I will answer her letter before long. Love to Fernin. Fraternal greetings to all the comrades. With much love to you.

Emma

My telephone in case of emergency →
Melrose 22-21.



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Dear Samuel. ~~Thank you for your letter~~

I have no time to write Mark separately but I want you to give him my the aka for the beautiful welcome he wrote in the "r" Art. Stills. Tell him his laxness in letter writing and all his neglect of me while I was in Europe are forgiven and forgotten.

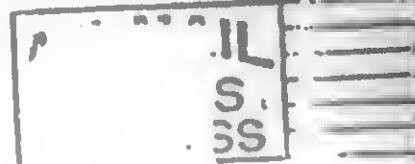
about my work here, the first meeting was well attended though by no means a very large audience. Last night the crowd was small. The old story, we have no means of extensive advertising and no other way in reaching people. Then too, until I came the few comrades we have were at cross roads, the Free Society group consisting exclusively of Jewish comrades worked by itself, the Libertarian group most gentiles did the same. Their division is as usual only petty-personal affairs. I have gotten them together but I am not very optimistic they will work together. The fundamental reasons I think are the different backgrounds of the people here. Our Jewish comrades who live here perhaps 20, or more years are miles apart from the gentiles of the community, and like most Jews they suffer from an inferiority complex. Also they do not have much tact in dealing with the latter. Take a man like Maurice Langbord for instance. He is kindness itself, but terribly gruff in his dealing with people. The same is true of Judkin and Sinkin, they are very willing to work when I am on the spot because I try to smooth over the troubled waters. On the other hand are our gentile comrades of the Libertarian group, among them especially Dorothy Gilsbacke. She is one of the finest type of English women I have met, but she is extremely sensitive and unused to rough manners. She and Maurice are like fire and water, they simply do not hitch. Anyhow I can see that the jars in the two groups are not going to add to my peace of mind. However, our meetings for this season are nearly over. I speak again next Tuesday in English and the 26th in ~~Yiddish~~ Yiddish and I am going to Windsor for a lecture the 19th.

I really will not mind when the meetings stop. I am worn out from the shocks, personal tragedy in losing Sasha and from the agony of the collapse in Spain. I need a rest desperately. Then I plan a few things for our Spanish refugees, an expedition, and we may have a film. We must leave no stone unturned to help them especially now when the Mexican government has expressed willingness to admit sixty thousand Spanish refugees. Of course our people will have to pay their own fare, they will therefore need a lot of money. Is there no way of approaching the trade unions and the Arbeiter Ring just for that? If such a thing can be undertaken it will be necessary to trust that at least half of the contribution must go to our people and not ~~throw~~ the Communist hands as it did since money was collected for Spain. It is simply criminal the way our people have been discriminated against. Bear this in mind my dear.

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attend my funeral, still there must be some who will not wait for that to whom my fifty years of work does mean something. Well here too there is nothing I can do from this end of the world.

I have followed the Bergdoll case and your part in it. I was sorry to read that you could not get a stay of the trial. Its a rotten thing to hound a man 25 years after his so called crime. But what with the war fury again loose the authorities want to "teach" American youth a lesson. Fools that they are.

I go to Windsor Wed. for two lectures. Will be back next Saturday morning. In the evening the Dinner will take place that has been arranged here. How I wish you could be present and say a kind word. But I wish so many things that are not likely to be realized.

Sincerely

E. G.
L. G.

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my dear Lillian, dear William.

ANGELICA wrote me last week of the happy advent. To day I received your card announcing the birth of your daughter. I can congratulate you both. I wish for the young lady health and joy in life and all the happiness she can bring her proud parents. I hope dear William your disappointment in having a daughter as the first born instead of a son is bearable. So many fathers, yes, even advanced men feel cheated that their first born is not a boy. Silly primitive idea, don't you think? I feel sure you will give your daughter the same love as if it had been a boy, and that she will bring you much delight. I will wish you both all the best.

You may have heard from Jeanne that a friend of hers and Jays, possibly also yours had suggested that Dies should be approached in re a visa for me. He might respond if I were "to promise to attack the communists". Of course I had to decline much as I loathe the modern Judas in the Kremlin and his betrayal of the Spanish people. I know Jeanne and Jay were in St Louis last week. I wrote them there but have received no reply. I expect them here the first week in June. It will be a great holiday for me.

I had a very good meeting in Windsor, many of our friends came over from Detroit. It was very painful indeed to be so near the American border and not to be able to get over. I inclose one of the many write-ups in the Detroit and ^{Windsor} ~~House~~ paper. Let ^{Angelica} ~~me~~ ~~write~~ read them, and tell her I received her letter. I will write her soon. Give her my love.

Affectionate greetings to both of you and do hug your daughter for me. *EMMA G.*

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Dearest Fitzzi. The letter you are sending out is beautifully gotten up as it would be when my own Fitzzi undertakes something. It is good of Harry to act as treasurer of the "fortunes" that will come in in response to the letter. Thank you darling and please thank Harry for me.

I think I wrote you that Jeanne Levey informed me that Dies might help me to a visa if I were to assure him I would attack the Communists. I had to decline this chance much as I loathe the Communists and am doing my damndest to show up the Judas part they had played in Spain. I have not heard from Jeanne since. I hope she did not feel hurt because I wrote that if I did not know how devoted she is to me and how eager to get me back I ~~must~~ should have been more shocked than I was with the suggestion about Dies. It was really a friend of the Leveys who is in the U.S. treasury dept who made the suggestion. I suppose Jeanne grabbed it because she is so anxious for my return. It is just my rotten luck that I always have offers I cannot accept.

I was in Windsor last week end. Had a very lively and resonsince meeting. 83 people came over from Detroit, mostly Jewish and Spanish comrades. The Communists were there as noisy and boisterous as usual. The attendance was not large, the receipts just paid for the expenses of the meeting and the trip. Nothing above that ~~was~~ The meetings here also just paid for ~~themselves~~ itself. Fortunately I still have a little to keep me going ~~from~~ the money raised by Jeanne and the Freie Arb. Stimme for my trip to Canada. There is no hope they my activities here will ever bring enough to cover my expenses but that is as old as my deportation. I knew before I decided on Canada that my lectures will not bring much. Perhaps if I could tour Canada as far as Vancouver. But I have no contacts what so ever, or any competent person to help me with meetings. I mean to try this summer to establish contacts in the West. It is sad that one must still knock at everybodys door after fifty years of efforts nowever that cannot be helped.

I inclose a few clippings from the Detroit and Windsor papers. At least that much the visit to Windsor did accomplish some decent interviews. You will be surprised to learn from one of the papers what a glutton your E. has become. Needless to say I never told the fool reporter what an eater I am. Not that it matters I am lucky he did not fabricate more unpleasant stories about poor me.

I inclose some snaps of Ben Capes grandchildren. They are lovely aren't they. Dear Ben he is terribly proud of Florence's kids. He and Ida may come here for a visit. Ben expects to go to New York on business so he will come this way. It is always a treat to have him near. He is one of the very few who have remained staunch.

I had a letter from Teddy and Saxe. For the first time Stell had expressed a desire to see Teddy. He was to be told last Saturday whether he could come. I am now waiting anxiously to learn how he found Stella. Being so near to her and yet so far removed is an

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open wound that will not heal. Some days the agony is so great I have to run away from myself. But how can one do it?

I have not had a word from my English friend in France whom we all call AUNTIE about Emmy. So I do not know how she is getting on. But you know the saying "no news is good news." I have written AUNTIE, perhaps I will hear from her soon. However, I no longer worry about that unfortunate creature since I learned that she found herself a man who in the words of Mrs Warren "can afford to be good to her". Then too I learned that Emmys sister and Stein kept sending her money. E. never thought it necessary to let me know that she is being supported, or that she was getting money from her sister or Stein. In point of fact she rarely acknowledged the money I sent her. She did write me once "I want my money". What she meant by that I never was able to understand. Well, she must go her own way, I can just go on sending her more than I had as long as there were till a few dollars from Bon Esprit.

What is the matter with Pauline that she has not answered my letter? Is she also angry? Give her my love anyway.

I take you in my arms my dearest own faithful Fitz.

With love.

Emma

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Emma Goldman, 70. Holds Fast to Anarchy

DETROIT (AP) — Emma Goldman, 70 years old, is in a small tourist trap in Detroit, still hopeful that the world will reach the state of anarchy she has been seeking for the last 50 years.

Emma Goldman has despised the modern state, despises fascism and has no faith in democracy. She is everything an anarchist is.

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Paris May 24th 1939.



Dearest Emotshka,

Your letter and clipping received. Glad to know that you had such a warm welcome in Canada. You look very nice on that photo they took at the station.

Dorothy too wrote us. She says that she and all the comrades there are most happy to have you. She sent 24 dollars for the spanish refugee comrades. You will find here a copy of the receipt which I mailed to her. As soon as the money will be distributed, I will send you the receipts which I will get from the comrades.

The International Group from Argeles was transferred to OURS, another Camp. At their arrival, the Communist administration wanted to separate our comrades from one another. They had a hard fight and finally remained together. Helmut KLOSE, wrote about this struggle and the general situation in the Camp. Believing that it may be of help to you in your work, I am sending a copy. You will see from this article that they need many things. Knowing that you sent some money for the german comrades to A.S., Michaelis went to him and asked that he should send them a package. Well, our good Augustine took out 50 francs and told him to buy the things ~~whatever~~ "whatever they need, text books, paper, soap etc." ----- I told Michel to keep the 50 frs. for text books, went with him to the store and bought: socks, tooth brushes, tooth-past, soap, towels, handkerchiefs, paper, ink etc., etc., for 7 persons. I am explaining this to you because when you will get the receipts, you may be surprised to see that 134 frs. was spent on the German Group, when you sent money for the Germans to Souhy! Now, you will understand why I had to do it.

Last week, Frank was to visit the camps. I have asked him he should write an account for our press but he seems to be reluctant about it. He is very much depressed because of the things he saw. From his account, there is almost no help coming to the camps or very little, and his description of the situation in the different camps is really heart breaking! As he goes back there by the end of the week, I gave him 300 francs of the money I got from Dorothy, and asked him to visit several comrades of the CNT-FAI whose addresses I have, find out what they need mainly, and buy it for them.

In a way, I am very happy to be able to be of help to our comrades, and I try my best to give it in a warm attentive way, they should feel that it comes from comrades who care for them, that they are not forgotten (as so many of them believe!). This I could do thanks to you, to Millitchka and to Rose Pasotta. But to my great sorrow, I will not be able to continue this work. I have to make too much of an effort, and my health is giving way... Last week, I had several grand parcels of clothing from Millie. It was a great event, and the whole week I have been making packages, writing letters, sending money, etc., as there are always lots of people in the house at the same time, I get too worn out. With all my desire to help, it will be impossible for me to go on this way. I therefore asked Dorothy henceforth, to direct the money for the refugee comrades, elsewhere.

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Pedro Herrera is here. He got a permit to stay in Paris for 15 days. We just had a long talk about the situation of the comrades in the concentration camps, how to be of more help to them because they think that they are forgotten and forsaken. He says that he (and with him the FAI) cannot do anything. He sees no way whatever how to improve or change things under the circumstances.

Martin wrote you that there is more unity now. I wish to goodness it were true! I would give a lot to see a little bit of unity at least in behalf of the REFUGEES. Alas, there is none. Mariane Vasquez insists on working with Martin. Others say this is impossible, (this is the content of the FAI and the comrades from the Center). What will be the end of this strife is difficult to foresee. For the present the situation is extremely sad.

I suppose you know that the french SIA and the spanish SIA are divorced! Each one works independently.....

You say in your letter that you regret to have written that letter to Lucia, saying that money consideration never meant enough to you to dig into people's souls, etc. Dearest, you would be perfectly right, if this would be a personal affaire. But here was a question of thousands of people suffering and in need of help. How could you keep quiet? And it is very good that you intervened. I believe that it is thanks to those discussions during your stay in Paris that the attitude of the SIA people changed to the better. Now, every refugee (who can prove that he is a member of the organization) receives 15 francs a day, in Paris. This gives the comrades here, the possibility to exist, and it stopped a good deal the fights of the dangerous character of which I prefer not to write but which you understand....

And know that Lucia suffers a lot. Last week, I suggested to Mercedes she should make an appointment with L. and explain things to her and become friends as of old. Lucia answered a few words but said nothing about the meeting, so we wait for some occasion to tell her that no one worked you up against her. That all we want is that the SIA should work well and just, and that our suffering comrades should be helped. We don't want to attack any one personally.

Mercedes and Lobo live in our house. He is doing some work now for PROUDHOMMEAUX who may publish a book with the works from Mujeres Libres and drawings of LOBO.

About the transportation of our comrades to other countries? Alas, this goes very slowly! The Coordination Committee that has this question in hand, granted 24% to the Anarchists (on paper). So far, VERY FEW left France. But Mariane believes that in the future "lots more will leave". May he be right!

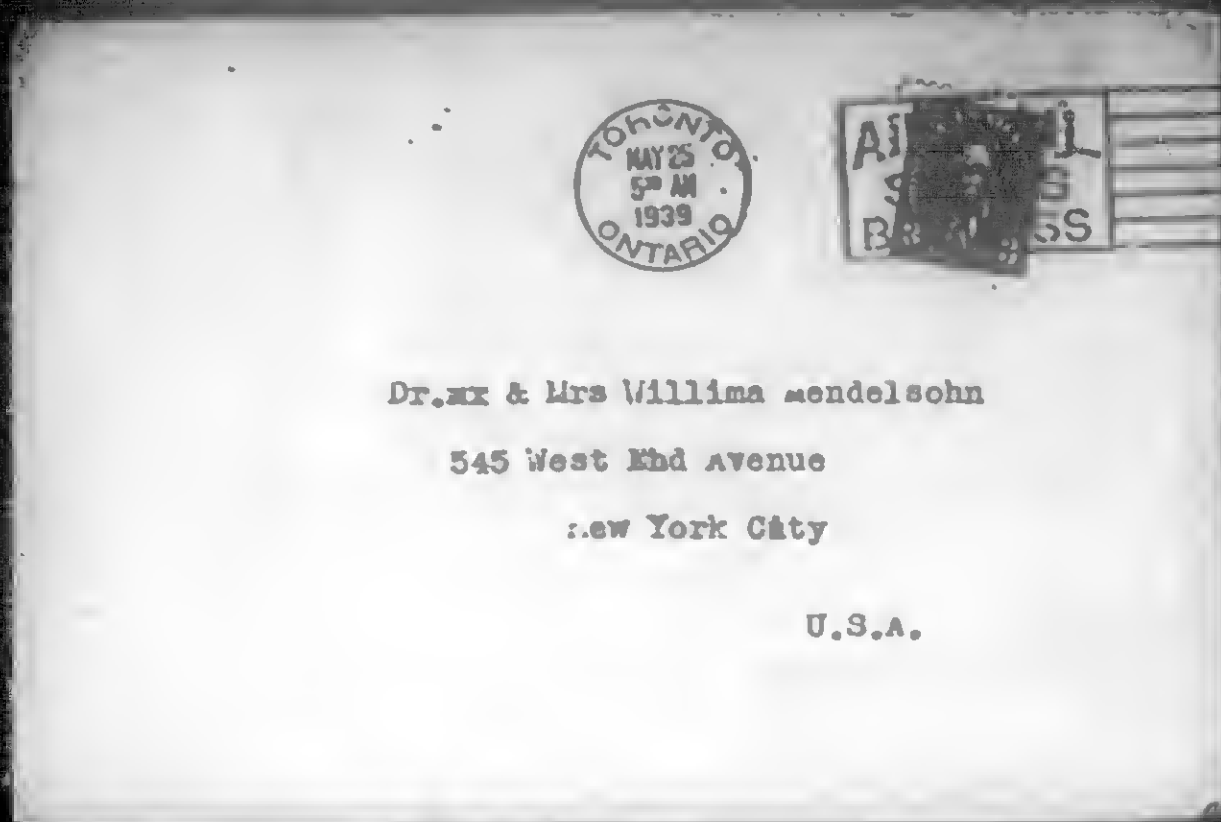
Santillan and Elisa got their permit to enter Argentina, but they have no paper now on which ~~XXXXXXXX~~ to put the visa, and so they are trying to get some kind of a titre de voyage.

Yes, Mark Kratchny sent us the article in the Pest. Santillan made use of it and now I sent it to Vera and Marie-Louise. We don't know who could be the Anarchist provocator. Though we know all the Russian Anarchists in Paris, we have no idea who could be the one who played that role!

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*Rushing to read the so as to get on
tomorrow's sailing. Do have no time
to come & mistakes*

Toronto May 26th 39

my dear vero. At least a sign of life from you. I had given Ralph my address in this city and several copies of letters from Santillan, Hererra and a German comrade. Have you not received them? At any rate you knew comrade Ulessecke's address, yet you failed to write. Yes, I know you are overloaded with work. Still, I thought our common efforts for Spain would have established real warm comradeship between us and that my departure would leave you with enough interest to write me. To tell you the truth you never had made me feel comradeship and interest. I took it for granted from the English and Englishized comrades. But that you of Italian origin and feeling would remain equally cold and utterly indifferent came as a shock to me and added much to my unhappiness during my stay in London. Perhaps it is my own fault. Having lived in America so long where friendship, hospitality and kindness are given as a matter of course I missed this warmth in England more than anyone knew. Even the comrades here few though they are make one feel that they really care whether I am alive or dead. They bring home to me that my contribution of fifty years to our ideas have and continue to mean something to them. All that was sadly missing in England which helped to deepen the void in my life there. However the misery is over; nor would I have mentioned it here. It is only that you found it necessary to assure me you had been at the Station on the morning of my departure. I am sure you have, but even if you had it would hardly have been a sign of your affection for me, since you never made me feel it all the time we met. That too is ever so we need not waste time. In the last analysis people give only as much as they can. They cannot give any more.

I saw only one issue of REVOLT and that through Dorothy Ulessecke. Even that much you failed to do unless Ralph failed to give you my address. Perhaps you will put me on your list. I have taken a small apartment in the house of Dutch comrades, a lovely couple and my address now is 295, Vaughan Rd. It will remain that as long as I remain in Canada. Yes, I received the statement of the Spanish comrades in pamphlet form. It is splendid and the translation is exceptionally good. I wonder who did it. I am only sorry you sent only a few copies. At my last English meeting in this city the 16th, and even more so at the meeting in Windsor we could have sold at least a hundred. Now I have only one more lecture in riddish day after tomorrow when we shall also not have the pamphlet. Yet it should be spread broadcast since it is the first authenticated data of the tardy notion of the communists in Spain. I wish I had the means to take a thousand copies, but I have not and the Liberatorian group is woefully poor. In four years it has not succeeded in contacting people interested in our ideas although the group did a few things in the way of manifestos etc. The one consolation to me is that the group consists of earnest and devoted comrades and very beautiful friends. That is half of the hardship that we are confronting as far as activities are concerned. We have a group meeting to night. I will see how many of the pamphlet the comrades can afford to order to be sent out to labor and radical organizations with an accompanying letter.

You are certainly right when you say a campaign must

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we started against the communists. I have already begun to exposed their dastardly work in Spain. Heaven knows I have much to make up for permitting myself to be kept back by the Spanish comrades who refused as late as 38 to let me show up the Stalin gang for what they are. Believe me I feel a stone off my heart that I no longer need to do it. My first meeting here was very good indeed and we raised \$64.50. The second and thir lecture were poorly attended owing to the patriotic hysteria of the visit of George and Elisabeth. Nevertheless we again raised fifty four dollars. Considering that the audience also pays 25 cents admission the meetings were not bad. Most successful of all was my meeting in Windsor Ont, last Friday. It is a ~~border town~~ border town, 63 comrades from Detroit who have citizen ship came over. I spoke on the betrayal of the Spanish people by the communists. Some of the rotten gang was present and of course tried hard to break up the meeting. Nevertheless everything went off splendidly. My appeal for our refugees brought \$103.50 quite a lot of money from three hundred people. We also sold a lot of literature. But the main gain was the publicity in the Detroit and Windsor papers. I inclose some. I wonder did Ralph give you the clippings of the Toronto meetings I had sent him and a set of the SATURDAY EVENING POST of May 15, 22, and 29th containing interesting articles on Stalin's hand in Spain and his doings in Germany. I hope he did. Please translate for the Spanish comrades the inclosed write ups.

I came too late for many lectures the warm weather having set in which makes ~~summer~~ indoor meetings impossible. I will have to use the summer to contact people in the rest of Canada ~~and~~ to organize a tour. The West is famished for speakers and literature especially on anarchism and I feel certain I could have successful meetings if only I can find a few people in every city willing to do the preliminary organizing. I will see. I am sure to go back to Windsor for several lectures early in September. Meanwhile I discovered an old comrade who is willing to try and sell our pamphlets. I am therefore sending him a selection. You might send me hundred of the new pamphlets but you must let me have them at the lowest possible rate because I intend to use them for wide spread propaganda. See what you can do.

Although I have learned that the censorship of films is very rigid I am still hoping to import the new film Frank has made out of the best he had in the FUDIX AND DASH. And what he has added its present title is THE WILL OF A PEOPLE. If I can get it past I will be able to cover a number of nearby cities during the whole summer and also in Toronto. I have already raised \$75 for the initial expenses of the film. I met a man in the film industry who suggested I should at first import the script which he would submit to the censor. If he passes on it favorably I would still have time to order the 16mm picture. So I have written for it. If only we could show the film we might also sell a lot of literature during the summer. I will write you about it.

Do not fail to send me anything of interest in the London papers or French you will come across. I cannot afford to spend too much money on papers. So I must ask my friends to send me those they read anyhow.

Love to Marie Louis, greetings to the Spaniards. 'eternal'

Emma

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Toronto May 29th 39

My dear Mark. This time I am the guilty party. You wrote me such a nice greeting when I got here and you paid me a lovely tribute in the Freie Arb.Stimme and I failed to acknowledge both. That was mean indeed. I have no excuse except lectures and that kept me busy, and the apathy of our comrades here that paralysed my will. You have been here for a time so you know how the Jewish comrades are. The years have made them older not only in years, but also in spirit. The few younger people, Dutch, Italian, a Bulgarian and one English comrade who are all members of the Libertarian group are unfortunately unemployed and also have little spirit. The result, one fairly decent meetings, two poorly attended, all in all just about covering expences. The one lively and spirited meeting was in Windsor. But then, half of the audience came over from Detroit. They were most generous in their response to my appeal for our Spaniards \$103. Not so little after all the begging the Communists had done.

However, the main result of the Windsor meeting was the rather favorable publicity the Detroit News and Times and the Windsor Star had given me. I inclose clippings, let Freedman and the others read them and if possible send them back. I usually spend a fortune on newspapers and never have enough to supply all my correspondents.

Please tell Samuel I got his second letter today and I will answer them both when I have more time. I am busy

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now getting my Aprt in order. Yes, I am independent, I have my own place and will be able to receive my friends if only they will come. I only wish you and Johanna could pay me a visit. We could then talk about what was, is and will never be the same again.

Here is Souchy's article. I do not know why people should fuss over one who reaches seventy even, if it means seventy young. In my case the 27th has lost its meaning since Sasha chpice midnight of the 27th to put a bullet in his vitals. The 27th ~~is~~ has been marred ever since.

Give my love to Johanna, fraternal greetings to all the comrades. With my old and abiding affection for you dear Mark.

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1295 Vaughan Rd.,
Toronto, Ont. May 31, 1939.

Dearest Milly:

I received your letter of the 5th inst. but have been too busy lecturing here and in Windsor to find time for my correspondence. To-night I am lucky I have your namesake my dear, Milly Desser, to exploit and this after a day's hard labour for one of the worst suckers who has the temerity to say that he had once been an anarchist. Leave it to a worker to drain those who work for him dry once he has ceased to be a wage-slave. He is usually worse than those born into wealth. It is not new, of course, that the slave of yesterday becomes the tyrant of to-morrow. Unfortunately, it remains true always.

Bless your susceptible heart that always is carried away with first impressions. Yes, the reception I received in Toronto was indeed unexpected and our first meeting also showed spirit and interest. But whether because of the lickspittle patriotism of the average Canadian whether Jew or Gentile or whether the weather was getting too warm the last three were a flop. Worst of all the Jewish meeting last Sunday. Some of the Jewish comrades who sold tickets in advance took themselves off to New York, one of them to Montreal. Not that I think it makes much difference whether they were absent or here, but it depressed me nonetheless. I do not believe there 150 people in the Labor Lyceum. The one redeeming feature was Windsor. Eighty-three comrades came over from Detroit. Many more would have come if they had some kind of papers. As it was I begged them not to risk being kept back from re-entering the States. I should never have forgiven myself should that have taken place as a result of my meeting. The audience was not large but it made up in enthusiasm and in intense interest and my appeal for our Spanish comrades brought a response of 103.50.

However, much as we need the money the main value of my visit to Windsor was the tremendous publicity given me by the Detroit News and Times and Windsor Star. I am enclosing clippings. I must have them back as soon as possible. We spent a fortune on the papers and I still am very short so please send them back when Rudolf and you and whomever else you want have read them. I succeeded in bringing the Russian and Italian comrades together and they are working to make a series of lectures possible in the autumn.

I am glad my dear that I helped you to see that whatever may be the fault of Azquez he is honest and sincere. Unfortunately neither he or any of the other Catalan comrades can compare with the integrity and revolutionary fibre of the comrades in Madrid and Valencia. Helmut from whom I hear to-day is a thousand times right when he writes and the Madrid CNT and the comrades in general have always been more consistent and proud in their bearing in the face of all enemies. Never have they shown anything like the cringing idolatry of Soviet Russia as Soli for instance and the other papers. You have no idea how often I wanted to scream from indignation over the sickening articles that appeared in the Soli in praise of Lenin, The Soviet Regime, and Stalin.

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I was deeply impressed on my visit to Madrid with everyone I met there. And this impression was justified as I had occasion to convince myself the few days I was with 50 comrades from Madrid, Alicante, and Valencia. They are truly a heroic set of men and I love them all. You will be glad to learn that so far the English comrades are left in charge of the care of the refugees, are doing everything to make them comfortable, well nourished and as satisfied as they can be under the circumstances. If only they can be permitted to stay permanently it would be a blessing. For it doesn't look very hopeful that Mexico will receive our comrades. I am waiting to hear Masquez about the offer of Mexican government to admit 50 or 60 thousand Spanish refugees. But I have a feeling there will gross discrimination, as might be expected from every government. But why be surprised what governments do or don't when the rotten labour leaders are no better. Now do you like the following our Spanish comrades wrote to Citrin expressing the desire to fraternize with British workers. The miserable upstart did not even have the grace to answer the letter direct. He had his secretary write to Ethel Mannin who continues as the honorary secretary of OIA to the effect "that would not be advisable or desirable for the Spaniards to mix with the British workers. The Home Office may not approve of the fraternization." Of course, the Citrin's cannot afford for the Spanish anarchist to instil a revolutionary spark into the British labour sheep and to acquaint them with the real struggle in Spain. And yet our Spaniards were naive enough to expect solidarity from the British labour movement.

As I said my meetings are at an end. At least until next autumn. I am only now realizing how tired my poor old brain is. So I am going to try and get a rest, do some reading, much neglected because of my complete absorption in the Spanish struggle and try to organize a ~~trans~~ tour through Canada next autumn. By the way Rudolf has covered Canada some years ago. Has he kept the names and addresses of people he met in the different cities? If so, will you copy them for me and send them along. It will be the only way of getting in touch with people. You will therefore help me greatly. Our dear friend Jeanne was supposed to see you Monday. She may have told you that she has some lecture bureau in mind that might book me. I don't know what it is all about. But I fear that no lecture bureau will book me on Spain and I have no other interest than that. I expect Jeanne and Jay Tuesday. It will be a real holiday for me. Later, other members of my family may come. My brother Morris' wife intends to drive to here for the 22nd. Alas, no chance for Stella coming here and equally no chance of my going there.

with love to Rudolf, Germin and Polly,

Devotedly,

Emma

P. S. - About Molly, she has not spoken to me about going to Mexico but she and Senie spoke to me about the desperate need of getting away from France. They were invited by Abrams to go to Mexico. But wherever they go our dear little fanatic has finally realized that she will have to marry Senie before she will be admitted anywhere. As to the States, there are far less chances for her to be admitted than for me, for a number of reasons, and it is

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know in good time. After all you have always been able to pick your self up and go whither the Wanderlust took you. Not so my old sister who is seventy six years old and who can only come as long as the boats from Rochester go back and forth to Toronto. I have written her that I should like to have her either before the 4th or after. I will write you when I hear from her.

I do hope dear Ben you will not misunderstand, or fly off as easily as you used ~~to be~~ or get the notion that I want to fail you. It is merely that my poor brain is very, very tired and the help I would give you now would be no help whatever.

up next: Give my love to Brutus. What is he going to take

Affectionately.

Emma

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Toronto xxx June 8th 39

My dear Leon.

last I had intended writing you yesterday even before I got your letter ~~xxx~~ arrived. But I did not get to it because the comrade in whose house I live is only free Saturday afternoon, so he drove me down town to attend to several things. You see I literally had to fix up my little apt, about the hundreds time in my life. I got some furniture from my friend Mrs Laddon, nevetheless I had to get a number of things especially as Tom Meelis our splendid Dutch comrade is printing everything for me to day. So you see my dear, I am now "busy" with household affairs. Well it will all be ready soon, then I will have more time to write more fully, and I will not neglect you for so long.

This is my first time in Canada when I am living in my own place. Oh, yes, I once had an apartment in Montclair Ave, in fact several times. But they were always furnished abominably and the rooms were depressing. The apt I have now is small but sunny and cheery, everything in good taste and the most important, it is with lovely people, they do not own the house, they live downstairs and I have the upstairs. They are Dutch Anarchists of the real sort and they are touchingly devoted to me. If I would consent they would both wait on me hand and foot. As it is Tom Meelis has done all the work, just now he is painting some old furniture to make it bright and gay. And his wife Dien Meelis is insisixting on washing and ~~xxx~~ cleaning and doing all sorts of things for me. So you see I am very fortunate in such friends and my living quarters.

I do not know how long I will remain in Canada. It will all depend on whether I can make a tour to the coast. For, it is certainly not worth while to have made an expensive trip just for Toronto. Not only has this city not advanced but it has grown more conservative and most of the people as well as the Jewish comrades with them. True, my last three meetings having fallen on the very week of the lickskittle show to the King and Queen, their poor attendance may be no indication. Even the Jewish meeting last Sunday was a dead failure. It was hot and three of the Jewish comrades went off to New York and Montreal. They probably would not have added much to the number of people but it was an indication of their interest in my visit and work. So ever, that is an old story.

I am in a little better luck here and will be able to visit in a few days. I think to the number of comrades from Detroit who have been here. Those who have been here of course. They have been here some and they want to stay. And I have been asking of all ~~every~~ everybody to stay a day or so. I am not sure of the time but at least they were held up. It was not a large audience but it was a real enthusiasm and response to my talk for our unfortunate Jewish comrades. I raised \$100, 0, nearly double of what I raised at my first meeting in Toronto. The main gain from my visit in Canada was the tremendous amount of publicity given me.

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I inclose a few, but must ask you to return them. I spend a fortune for clippings and never have enough to go round. The Los Angeles comrades, or rather C.V. Cook is having the clippings reproduced and he will send me some copies. If and when I get them I will send you the folder they are preparing. Meanwhile do not let your old sense of possession in such things as clippings and other material send back the inclosures.

I am inclosing a copy of a letter I wrote Rudolf that will interest you. I want that returned dearest Leon. Please do not fail to do so. Also a statement to the American comrades which I prepared for that folder in Los Angeles.

I have discovered only since my lectures ended how frightfully tired my brain is. No one knows how hard I worked in England for the struggle of our comrades in Spain and the heart ache and disappointments I went through. So it is not surprising that I am completely sapped out. I need a rest and I mean to take it, as far as I can rest anywhere, or take root. In point of fact, I have grown more restless and more alien in Europe and I fear it will be the same in Canada as my years piled up. But I shall have to remain here for a time. If only I can contact people in Western Canada for a tour. I am sure I could make good there if I had a competent manager, or someone to help do the advance work. Unfortunately there is no one. On Tuesday the Leveys, Jeanne and Jay, beautiful comrades from Chicago and devoted friends of mine are coming to visit me. They are now in New York and expect to reach Toronto Tuesday. Jeanne has something in mind about a tour through Canada. And I have other irons in the fire though none very promising. I have learned to be patient I can tell you.

No hopes whatever about the States. I had two ridiculous propositions, could not accept either. And there is no one in America sufficiently interested and capable to get to the right sources for a visa. It is tantalizing to be so near and yet so frightfully far. ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ It is especially painful with my own beloved Stella incapacitated to come to me, and now an invalida not very able to get about. However Babsia intends to drive him here for the 27th. So I will at least see my precious brother. But my heart bleeds for Stella. Life is cruel dearest Leon. Sometimes one has too much of it.

And you will you be able to come over for a few days? I could put you up if your visit does not coincide with Joe and Babsia, or my sisters. Naturally you will want to see me alone and I you. So if it is at all feasible we must arrange that none of my other dear ones, family members or friends are here. The question is of course whether you can get some kind of a passport to enable you to come to Canada. It is ~~xxxxxx~~ strange that one who lives so long in the country and has all sorts of contacts in Albany ~~xxxxxx~~ should find it difficult to get a pass. Well, I hope you can somehow. As the Leveys are coming I cannot tell you that evening you can get me by phone. I will let you know. *dear*

With my old affection.

Emma

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295 Vaughan Road,
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Dear Herbert:

You must think me a truant to have departed for Canada without seeing you again and to have kept you without word about myself and my exploits in this part of the American continent. I had intended writing you on my arrival, but I found an awful lot to do and to adjust myself to a new situation which took all my time.

Fortunately my lectures, of which I delivered five, four in Toronto and one in Windsor, are over. I can now answer some of the accumulated mail and also to take up the thread of the few friendships I had in England. I wonder whether you know how much my discovery of you has meant to me. I can honestly say that if it were not for you and Ethel Mannin, the only two real comrades and friends I have acquired during my three years in London, my life and work would have been more exasperating than it was already. Ethel has been a great joy to me because of a warm response to my need for friendship without which I find it very difficult to sustain all the hardships and vicissitudes of my life. True, you and I did not get quite close as I had ~~had~~ longed and hoped we might, but the very fact of having discovered an Englishman of your caliber, of your thoughts and especially of your realization of "the need of anarchism" as you so ably expressed in your article, has really been quite a revelation. It meant much to me to know that there is such a human being within reach, and you have helped me greatly with your ready response to every call I made on your time and your ability. It is not likely, therefore, that I will ever forget you or the few pleasant moments we have spent together, although I may not write very often.

You will want to know about my achievements here. Owing to the visit of Their Majesties, and also of the heat wave we had just about when I was lecturing, my meetings were not as largely attended as the first indicated. The audience was fairly large, both responsive and receptive about what I had to say about the betrayal of the Spanish revolution. The three which followed were rather poorly, but as I said, it was due to the excitement in this city and to the weather which was not suitable for indoor meetings. The most interesting and gratifying was in Windsor, Ontario, just opposite Detroit, Michigan. Every one of my old friends and comrades who had documents to enable them to return to America, came over to attend the meeting and to greet me. The audience, consisting largely of Russians, Jews, and Italians, with only a sprinkling of Canadians, was naturally very enthusiastic and inspiring. Also the response of my appeal for our suffering Spanish refugees was better than that in Toronto. Nevertheless,

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I succeeded to raise in four meetings \$215, part of which we have already sent to Ethel for the needs of the Spaniards in London. Most significant in my visit to Windsor was the amount of publicity given me and my lectures. The Detroit News and Times, and the Windsor Star had good reports of interviews and the Star also brought a lengthy report of my lecture. I feel, therefore, that though I did not reach many people in the hall, I reached hundreds of thousands who read the papers above mentioned.

With the summer nearly in full swing, lectures had to come to an end. I confess I do not regret it. I had no idea while I was running about in London, rushing from one strenuous job to another, how very fatigued my brain was. I therefore welcome the chance I will have this summer to take a rest. It will be the first in a number of years. Whatever may be the short comings of Canadians, Toronto is one of the most beautiful cities in the summer--wide spaces, masses of trees, a riot of color, and the Ontario Lake to break the excessive heat. All in all, an ideal place to "invite one's soul." I want to do a lot of reading much neglected during my stay in England or rather during the three years of effort for Spain and the heroic struggle of our Spanish comrades. I was fairly obsessed by them and I find it hard even now to concentrate long on anything else than the deep tragedy of Spain and the cruel fate of our people in the concentration camps. What is to become of them I wonder? It seems no country wants to receive them. There was a notice in the press here that the Mexican Government offered to take fifty or sixty thousand Spanish refugees. I have written to Vazquez and to others in Paris to let me know whether this ~~probably~~ will include some of our refugees. I dread to think of their future unless they will be able to get away from France. What a farce the boastfulness of the French people is with their great revolution which they have long forgotten. True, it was France who admitted the refugees, but her hospitality was spoiled by the barbarous treatment accorded our people. There seems to be no let-up in the suffering of the men and women in the camps. The situation is heart-breaking indeed. If only one could rouse human sensibilities. I wonder was there ever a time when life was so cheap and human suffering met with such callous indifference.

My plans for the future? When in my position one really cannot make definite plans. America seems hopeless. You will laugh when I tell you that I had two tentative offers of help from people closely connected with the Roosevelts. One was to write them a letter and plead my desire to visit my relatives in America and to celebrate my 70th birthday with them. The other was to promise that I would attack the Communists and help the idiotic commission which is now investigating the "Subversive" activities of the Communists and Nazis

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in the United States. It actually started with the Nazis and of course concentrated much more on the Communists. I would be given a visa, I was assured, if I would promise Represent. Dies to help him round up the Communists. I certainly do mean to expose the miserable or jesuitic satraps of Stalin and their part in the betrayals of the Spanish revolution, but I certainly do not intend to be used as a tool by such reactioners as Mr. Dies and his committee ~~represent~~. Outside of these sensational offers my re-entry to the States looks dubious. I will therefore have to tour Canada provided I can establish contacts in the various cities between here and Vancouver who might help in the organization of lectures. The draw-back is the scarcity of large cities along the route and the frightful distances between one and another. One can only hope to rouse people in the industrial towns, as the farmer population is not likely to be interested in what I have to say. Well I will see what I can do during the summer to establish contacts with western Canada. I know from past experience that it is much more alive and socially aware than this city. When I was here before, Montreal proved the best field for my work. Since then, Fascism has grown tremendously in Quebec. The Fascists have succeeded in passing the Padlock Law which gives the police the right to break into your private home at any time, drive you out and padlock the place on the ground that you have subversive literature. This has made it impossible to procure a hole for any purpose in the least "tainted" by radicalism. We are certainly living in a mad world.

I wonder if you have got in touch with the Spanish artist I spoke to you about. Lobo is his name. I do not know whether you are interested in his kind of work. I hope you will not judge him by the few things you saw in such haste and hurry as the day when you came to meet the Spanish refugees. Have you seen any of them again, I wonder?

I never find it difficult to beg for others but very mortifying to do it for oneself, but I do want to ask you to let me have some of the magazines that you are surely reading, such as the Nation and New Statesman and anything else of interest that you come across. While England has treated me anything but in a hospitable way, I do not like to lose touch with it or with its affairs. If you should happen to get interesting books by English authors, would you send them to me after you have read them? You will help me greatly in keeping informed of what is doing in England. Do let me hear from you soon.

Cordially,

Emma Goldman

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295 vaughan rd. Toronto June fifth 39

Liza, my dearest, I know I have been slow in answering your sweet letter of May 15th. It reached me just before my Jewish lecture, the last here this summer thank goodness. Outside of the first meeting here and one in Windsor just across the river of Detroit, WORDS stronghold, I could have spared myself the rest. I was not surprised that the rest was poorly attended. The fake patriotism for the king and queen made everybody hysterical and mad only on one thing to get a glimpse of the poor creatures who are being so vulgarly commercialised. Then too there was a heat wave, entirely too much for indoor meetings. But as I expected little before I got here knowing I would arrive too late for lectures I did not mind the poor attendance. All in all they paid for themselves and in addition I raised \$217 for my poor suffering Spaniards. In view of the fact that people paid 25 cents admission in addition to the collection it ~~is~~ was not at all bad, do you not think so? For the Windsor meeting was of the old sort I used to have in the States, so much spirit and enthusiasm. It was a joy to speak before such an audience. Never did I feel so released and so inspired in England. How could one with an audience frigid enough to chill the marrow of your bones? No, I never spoke as I knew I was capable of speaking in England, never once. You remember my saying, "no one ever heard me speak in England". For it was not the same E.C. as of yore. In Windsor I had a lot of publicity, quite fair I must say. I have already sent out about five dozen clippings and I have not half enough. But a comrade in Los Angeles is getting out a folder which will contain the texts of the reports of my meeting and the interview also my photo and a message to my American friends and comrades I have written. I expect the folder soon I will then send you a couple for yourself and some of our mutual friends.

At last I have a letter from Auntie. She writes Emmy had another operation, this means the sixth. She went to see her and found her asleep as if under dope. Auntie goes on to say "but the moment she realised we were there she became galvanised into life and started talking at such a rate that it was impossible to follow her. She fell back as the exertion was too much for her. But for long, she again started to tell in detail about her operation, she flashed her two bare legs out from under the blanket, she waved them about and insisted we should see in what condition they were. Then she started another mood.... "Auntie dear" she moaned it is hard to die. Tell every one it is terribly hard to die". She gave a Bergner scene, love passages with Etienne when he had to lean over the bed to caress her. Poor man he looked very worn. She begged for roses to be strewn in her grave. She flirted with Parsons, (the husband of the woman who kept her for six weeks after Sasha's death). God the stage has lost an artiste, now she produced the energy to do it all is beyond me. She just looks like a ghost. When I left I felt as if a steam roller had gone over me. Where she is she is safe, but to allow a crazy creature free to do mischief and havoc wherever she goes, it is a very grave matter. There is no doubt she would have been with us to day had it not been for destructive influence. She will end

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by destroying this poor Etienne, he is the gentle type that would fall into her clutches. I cannot tell you how sorry I am for him. There is a lot more but this is enough to give you a picture of him and her ways. She complained to Aunti that no one sends her money. Well, I do not intend to go on. Fact is I haven't any to send. I have heard no more from the Institute and the few dollars I have must keep me here over winter as I do not believe my meetings would do more than pay for them selves.

About Stella, Oh my dear there is little change. Teddy saw her two weeks ago. It was the first time in months she had expressed a desire to see him. He was to take her for a ride a week ago last Saturday but I have not heard from him yet how he found her. My heart is broken that I am so near and yet cannot see her and she cannot come to me. My brother might come the latter part of June, his wife will drive him. And I expect other visitors. The Leveys are coming to night. I was busy as a bee this morning to fix up my Apt. My friends painted couple of pieces of furniture for me in a love grey and red and I bought a modern style oilcloth. My kitchen will be the nicest place. I wish you could come and be with me for a visit.

Your sister-in-law just phoned, strange she should do so just when I was writing you. I will get in touch with her when the Leveys leave I cannot before. I have been here over six weeks but this morning was the first I heard from your sister-in-law. I saw Simione's oldest, the violinist, he attended my lectures and gave me \$25 for anything I wanted. Of course it will go to the Spanish refugees. He seems to be getting along quite well. He told me I was the first who made him see you in true light. That is something.

I must write Luba, I feel very guilty that I have not until now. But I will this week.

I must close now my dearest. With bunches of love.

Devotedly,

Emma

Greetings to all our friends.

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295, Vaughan Rd.
Toronto Ont. June 6th 39

My dear Ben.

Lioness sent me, or was it you, the copy of your letter to her. You have always been blessed in your easy go lucky method of explaining the most complex situation, and the ~~xxxx~~ motivation of human action. So ~~xx~~ I was not surprised to learn from several people that you ~~inx~~ are under the impression that I was angry with you, hence did not write. I wish it had been only that. But it was something much ~~xxxx~~ deeper, my dear. It was the blow of Sashas ~~int~~ timely death which had knocked the bottom from under me and during the previous year his illness and our poverty. Then came the Spanish Revolution, ~~thax~~ its glorious rise and its heart breaking fall through the cowardly betrayal of the Spanish people by your friends, the Communists. All this completely wiped out the past, not only with you, but all the years lost their meaning. That and not anger with you over something you had written or had said made writing you utterly impossible. Even now I have nothing to say to you for I am certain that you would not understand the hold the events in Spain had and still has on me. Truth is, nothing else matters, public or personal, except my passionate desire to expose the perfidity and black crime committed in Spain by Stalins henchmen. I hope I am big enough to forgive and forget any injury done me. But I could neither forget or forgive the betrayal of Spain. The rest of my years will be devoted to the exposure of the ~~thax~~ scourge that has been imposed on the world by Soviet Russia. Now I know that you would not understand this feeling, or share it, and there is really nothing else that interests me.

Nevertheless I am always willing to share what ever you want me to know about yourself, your work and your achievements. And I am still very eager to know about Brutus whom Sasha and I liked so much. I see you want to come to Toronto to talk to me about your writing. I will be glad to see you and ~~give~~ whatever suggestions that will be of help to you. However, I cannot have you for the 27th. We would get not a moment to ourselves, or a chance to talk about anything as several friends from America are coming. Most important will be my brother Morris who has been an invalid for several years, quite helpless owing to an amputated leg, and who will need me a great deal. His wife, Basie will drive him here. I have so few of my own flesh and blood who can come to me that I want to have Moe as much as I can. So you see it would be useless for you to come at the same time. I hope you will understand.

There is another thing, the 27th has lost all its meaning since it is also the day, or rather the night of the 27th, when Sashas fired the bullet in his vitals. It is, there

for ^{no} feast to me any longer. In fact I would rather have no one on the 27th, but since several people have announced their coming I have consented. I can have them altogether. But I take it you will want to see me alone, and that will be imp

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your visit for either before or after the 27th, ~~if~~ why not for
the 4th of July. I do not think anybody will be here then.

With my old friendship.

Emma

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Paris: June 8, 1939.



Dearest beloved Mamotshka,

We received your letter of May 29th and are very glad to see that on the whole, your trip to Canada, is worth the while. First of all, for your own sake; the change from the London atmosphere - which got to way so heavily on you - was absolutely necessary. Secondly, your presence in Canada always brings some new life into our movement there; thirdly, you are doing fairly well in helping our unfortunate refugee comrades; and last - but not least - you are doing good propaganda! All this, at the age of 70! This is really wonderful! We all talk a lot of you these days, our movement is getting ready to celebrate your birthday as well as your entering into our ranks fifty years ago. What a joyful month it could have been if it wouldn't be darkened by the loss of Mahsan, Sashenka, Orobon and the misery of our Spanish martyrs!.....

The 5 dollars which you sent for Michaelis, I gave him over at once. Enclosed herewith you will find a receipt for them. Yes indeed he is a nice comrade and if any one deserves to be helped, it's him. Sanya is trying to get him a permit to enter Mexico. May be he will succeed; but as Michel is not Jewish, he will not be able to get for him the fare expenses, we therefore advised him to go and see Vasquez today. Shall let you know the result. If the comrades of the CNT refuse to help him, I decided to address myself to you and Millitshka in his behalf. He has 1000 francs which the Swedish comrades sent him, but he will need about 5000 Frs. I believe I told you that he cannot go on the boats ~~that~~ which leave from the SEINE because this is only for Spaniards..... Well, I will write you the reply of Vasquez, and if help for Michel will be needed, I will tell you exactly how much-- but this I'll do only after we have been trying all else before.

I thoroughly agree with you that the first article by Helmut Klose about the life of the Concentration Camp, is very good. This is why I sent it out to our press. I have also sent you a copy of his second article, from Camp de GURS, a terrible place! I consider him a very able boy and it would be too bad to let him perish in that horrible ~~SEINE~~ prison - for a prison it is indeed. This is why I have begged Monore to try to get him out. The reason why I addressed myself to her is because : she is french, because she lives in the VAR and there is more chances that they would let out some one for the VAR than for the SEINE, and also because when Monore undertakes something, she usually does it well. I have also sent him a 'suit', shoes, shirts and other things which one absolutely needs if he is to leave the camp.

About the one pound which Baar was supposed to send me, NO dear, he never did. But I got your five dollars, so all is well.

Lady Monica is interested in the names which you ones sent to her and she now asked some information about those girls of Mujeres Libres who want to continue their studies. Mercedes was going to answer her and give her all the details.

I am very glad that you gathered up some clothing for women. ~~THEY~~ ~~NEED~~ IT VERY BADLY. The heat is awful now- I suppose the press reports about the sudden heat in France - and they are wearing the dresses which were given to them when it was cold.... Hence, inspite of the fact that I am sick, I am awaiting these parcels impatiently, and am grateful to you for sending them.

Alas, the situation of our comrades is not getting better and the prospects are extremely sad.

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Frank is trying to help as much as possible. To this end, he is getting in touch with all sorts of people. Some one suggested to Santillan to make concrete proposals how to solve the refugee problem. I got a copy of Santillan's letter which I am sending to you. May be it can be of interest to you. It seems strange, but the ONLY people who are really and truly impartial in rendering help to the spaniards are the Quakers! This is because they are guided by an ideal (religion) and not by party politics.

Together with the above mentioned letter from Santi, & the rec't from Michaelis, you will also find a detailed account how the money - 24 dollars - was distributed. The receipts I mailed to Dorothy; and two copies of letters from: concentration camps Argelès and Bram. Michel translated them in German. You will see how much joy these few francs and bit of clothing bring them. It is moving to see the man of 70 like Francisco Tortosa, de ide 50 frs. with 3 other comrades! Or Manuel Bueno devida.... a suit with Juan Pujalte, I suppose one took the trousers and another the jacket....

Well, I must finish. My eyes are in a bad state. Imagine dear, adding to all my troubles, I got Hay fever! Senya too, isn't well, and the house is a regular hospital. However, you must not worry. Spactor is treating us both and you know he is very reliable, we shall soon be feeling better, I am sure.

Oh yes, about Martin. He is in Paris. We saw him a few times, but he didn't tell us that he got some money from you. Should he be up again, I will ask him to write you and let you know if he got the 10.00 dollars and two pounds. Rosa told me the other day that he gave him some work to do (some translation), then he had a pamphlet to do which was ~~was~~ ordered by the Lithuanians.

The letter which you sent me from Fernando Pintado, editor of the "CHI", is a very sad one indeed. Unfortunately, I cannot do anything for him because whatever I had for the refugees, is given out. As a matter of fact, for the last few days, I have advanced 250 frs. of our own, because there are some cases where you simply cannot say: "no"!..... But I will ask Frank who is now down there (in Perpignan) to go and see the family, and if possible, connect them with some one who could be of help in getting a visa and funds. For it is a fact that individually, some succeed in leaving; whereas the collective departure --as far as the Anarchists are concerned-- has until now, been a thorough FAILURE.

Now dearest, if you don't hear from me soon do not worry. May be I will have to give my eyes a little rest for a little while. We both embrace you very lovingly and send you our best wishes. You should be with us for many many years to come! There is no one to take your place and we now need you more than ever. We also hope that you will get some good news about Stella's condition and that lots of friends and comrades from America will be able to come and see on the day of June 27th.

Love from all the comrades here.

Devotedly

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My Dear Mommy.

Your welcome and letter came to me and I was so glad to hear from you. It had been more than two years since I had direct word from you And I am genuinely pleased that "you ain't mad at me". Last night when sleep left me I planned a long letter to write you. But this afternoon I am in no shape to write you. Just came from a conference with some "Swedish" Oxford "folks". Of course you are informed about the Oxford Christian movement. Before I left we were all praying together and talking about Moral rearmament** Love* Purity), Unselfishment and absolute honesty"

I will come to you on or about the 4th. of July** Remember the 4th of July we had a Catalana Island together. We had many 4th. and many Birthdays together*** Sorry to learn about your Brother being ill, give Mom my love. We will have so many things to talk over, I will write you in detail soon. I am lecturing to a group of University Nursery teachers and taking them on tour tonight Brutus's graduation next Tuesday occupies the center of the Stage. He read your letter with much interest and will write soon. Mother is very well and cheerful at almost 80. Your Mother was older.

Dear Old Sasha, just don't understand your sadness about him. He lived a good life, He was a truly great man, He had a fine brain and much courage. He did his work well, he served liberty and mankind. That more could any man do. I am said to a good many people who attempted self destruction. "It is alright for you to do it? BUT BID NOT THOSE YOU LEAVE BEHIND YOU. Sasha did he work well.. let us not lament. Also the Spanish Revolutionists Loyallists did their work well* they were great. They were an inspiration to humanity. The Americans, and other who joined them Showed us that the Rebels of the world are united.

I don't know much about the Communists, what you say may be true.. They are my friends BUT I NEVER was a Communist, never dreamed of joining them And they will have none of me? They do not permit me to speak at their meetings And they all regard me as a Anarchist and a faithful friend of you. But I do not hate them or fear them any more than I hate or fear Hitler I have faith in the God of the Cosmos** It is alright, yes every thing is alright. Please, I know about Poverty, Disease, Prisons, War, Alcohol And despair But I am fairly content and the future is bright? Brutus and Keeca are such joys. You see Blue Eyed Mommy, I have Anarchism, Revolution, Jesus and Religion to comfort me

I hope you are well and will keep cheerful and things will go better with you.

I will write you a long letter soon outlining some of the things I want to discuss with you

Love Ben

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Toronto June 10th 39

Dearest Rose. I know I am a sinner and I dare not hope for ~~for~~ your forgiveness. Here I am in Toronto since the 21st of April and I have only written you once. But then you too, have been tardy, so lets forget and forgive and be friends again. Is it ago? Darling, I have really been frightfully busy, first lecturing here and in Windsor. The best was Windsor in reponse and even more so in publicity. I inclose some clippings. Be sure to send them back. Later I will send you a folder which C.V. Cook is getting out consisting of quotations from the Detroit and Windsor papers and a message to the comrades in America I have sent him. He is having a planograph folder and he will send me some. The new paper clippings cost too much entirely.

After the lecture I moved into my own quarters much nicer and with softer beds than in London. I am living with beautiful Dutch comrades, they have the downstairs and I am up stairs, but we are quite separate and independent. You will love my place. I had Jay and Jeanne every to visit me for two days, I am sorry to say. I wanted them to remain longer but they could not afford the time. Yet even the two days were a holiday for me. They were both enchanted with my Apt and with our Dutch comrades. Their affection was mutual because my Dutch friends fell in love with Jay and Jeanne. Who can help it with such generous spirits. And what a live wire Jeanne is, the amount of work she does in Chicago for all sorts of causes and people. She was only ten days in New York yet she succeeded in rounding up a lot of people who have undertaken to organize a Committee and to work hard for my re-entry. Eugene Lyons and some others are among them. Jeanne is simply a wizard no matter whether anything comes of her efforts or not.

Are you coming this way? I want very much to see you again under some what more human condition than in London? Do write me and tell me when. If when you do come my guest room is not occupied I shall want you to stay with me. Now be a good girl and write me soon, tell me when to expect you.

With love.

Emma

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Translation

Paris, June 12th, 1939.

Emma Goldman,
Toronto, Ont., Canada.

Dear and Esteemed Comrade Emma:

The Spanish Libertarian Movement has not forgotten the advent of your 70th anniversary. Through its General Council we send you our most sincere and fraternal salutation.

70 years! A whole life consecrated to service and the liberation of the people!

These seventy years truly represent incessant labour and sacrifice which shall never be forgotten by us.

You represent living and vibrant experience. You are the incarnation of the eternal flame of the ideal which you have demonstrated in your own life. The Spanish Militants admire and revere you, as Anarchists should admire and value those of a great heart and abiding humanism for all mankind.

You have understood us and our aim as few have understood us. For this among many other reasons you have become part of us never to be forgotten.

Your years so full of persecution, prison, repeated exile have failed to dampen your ardour or to break your indomitable will to adhere to and fight for your ideas. This is a magnificent example indeed, to vigorous youth of to-day. This should help them to vital lessons which they might apply to the pressing needs of to-day.

We express our fervent hopes and desire that you may continue to dwell in our midst for many years to come. SALUT MOTHER EMMA!

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We pledge ourselves before you to remain at our post as the advance guard in the battle for the liberation of the masses and the emancipation of the proletariat.

Dear and admired comrade Emma accept our most cordial and sincere salutation on this your seventieth anniversary.

For the Spanish Libertarian Movement,

Mariano R. Vazquez.

General Secretary

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Mariano R. Vazquez.

*the late secretary of the
national confederation of*

of Soler in Spain

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*Forgot to mail Mr.
yesterday*

Toronto June 14th 39.

Dear H.W. I wrote you yesterday but forgot one thing. Will you please subscribe to the New York Sunday Times for me for four months and charge to me. There is not a paper in this town worth reading, at least the Times does have International news even if one must read it with much doubt. I feel completely cut off from Europe,

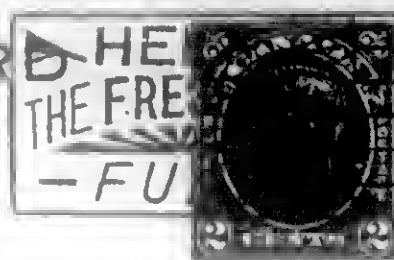
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and almost as much from the
States. I am also going to
subscribe to the Manchester
Guardian. Between this and
the Times I will get some
thing about world events
cordially. *EG*

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Mr Harry Weinberger

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My dear Mommy:

"I can not say the things I feel. I leans and looks across the seas until it seems no one's left alive but you and me."

As I sat in the big two million dollar Rockefeller Chapel on the University of Chicago campus and saw President Hutchins hand Brutus his diploma as Bachelor of Science, I breathed a sigh of relief - God, what things are there I haven't done! The things that was and is! Your thoughtful, tender telegram made Brutus and many of us very happy. I hope you live to see my lovely daughter Maccia got her diploma in another 15 or 20 years.

I've been waiting for more than two years to get a letter from you so that I might write you. So many things - but there aint no song to sing and there aint no story to tell. What I want most from you now is help to put down in autobiographical form the ten years we spent together. I've been reading a good many biographies. The last one was Lyner Maude's LIFE OF MARIE STOPES. It is a very wonderful book to me - a thousand times more honest and informative than Margaret M. Langor's autobiography, which I thought was cheap, bombastic and unfair. I was tremendously disappointed in Margaret Anderson's 30 YEARS WAR.

But I'm not in shape to write today. My blood sugar is high. Diabetes and nephritis periodically overwhelm me. Incidentally I have learned that many of the moods I had when we were together were due to a debauch of carbohydrates and fats.

The family, Medina and Maccia, are going to Texas for two or three weeks tomorrow, and I am making preparations to be with you the 4th of July or whenever it is convenient. Unless you have the files of MOTHER EARTH with you, I shall bring them with me and a lot of notes and material. I'm going to try to get enough money together so we can have a stenographer and you can HMT guide my writing. I wish I could take you up into the North Canadian woods with a stenographer for a month. For the more I think of it, the more I am sure that my work with you was advanced revolutionary, honest, useful and lasting. You'll remember I came to you first as the leader of the unemployed - the big issue in the world today is unemployment. You brought me into the birth control movement, which is by far the most successful and useful crusade of the last quarter of a century. Your work in literature, in the modern drama, pioneered the Little Theatre Movement, the L.P.A. theatre project, and so many other fine things in the drama. Your efforts to popularize modern literature and to have it printed in cheap editions. Most of all, your vision of anarchism, of freedom, of a society without law and authority was so important and so true. Without the law, the state and authority, there could be no serious evils in the world. I am so everlastingly grateful that I had that glorious decade with you. I want to tell the story now. I hope you will be in good shape when I arrive, and that I will be in the mood to write.

Keep well and keep sweet.

With love,

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295 Vaughan Rd.,
TORONTO, Ont.,
June 17th, 1939.

My dear John Powys:

It is disgraceful to have kept your letter of March 23 for nearly three months without a reply. I would feel very guilty indeed were I not sure of your kind and forgiving nature. In fact, you have assured me in the self-same letter not to bother about writing you until I would all be settled in Canada. Well, this hour has arrived. I am actually "settled", as far as this restless devil will ever be settled. I even have my own independent little apartment. How I would love to entertain you. But then I have always aimed for the stars - always aimed for the unattainable. However, I feel certain that you will rejoice with me even if you can never see my abode, that I am fairly comfortably fixed, at least until the autumn.

I wish I could tell you good news about my success in this city in regard to my meetings. My lectures are unfortunately took place at a time when the city was carried away by the madness of mob psychology over the visit of Their Majesties, plus a terrific heat wave. Naturally both interfered with the attendance to my meetings. True, my first lecture on Who Betrayed the Spanish People was well attended. And so was the lecture in Windsor. The most important part of the latter was the splendid write-up of the Windsor and Detroit papers. They proved some progress since I entered on my public career. Friends of mine in California have issued a folder containing the press notices since I arrived in Canada. They promised to send me a batch. If I receive them before I mail this letter on the 20th, I will send you a copy. You will see that if I will not get rich in worldly goods during my stay in Canada, I will at least succeed in reaching many people by means of the reports of my lectures. One thing is already apparent - some progress has already been made in the world, if Emma Goldman is being greeted with some understanding and fairness. Who should know so well but you the kind of treatment accorded me in the United States before the war. You have been there, and I am sure you have read the fantastic stories that used to appear in the American press. One story was particularly interesting. It happened to be the report of an interview taken by one of my own sex for a San Francisco paper. Among other things, she wrote "Emma Goldman - tall and masculine - with jet black hair and ferocious looking fingers". I do not believe there is any paper that would print such stuff at this time. In point of fact, when I was back in America in '34, I was amazed at the extraordinary fairness of all the pressmen who interviewed me. I do not mean to say that anyone of them has become socially aware, or very understanding, of my ideas. But I rather think that the newspapers have learned that sensationalism does not attract. That people really want to know, and therefore have more faith in anything seriously presented than the kind of blood and thunder stuff that used to appear in the Hearst press, for instance. My good friend that is taking this letter just suggested that I evidently had not seen the tabloid papers - that they were indeed terribly sensational. I am sure that she is not exaggerating. But I have in mind papers like the New York Times, or the New York Evening Post - the Detroit News, or the St. Louis Post Despatch. In other words, the regular papers, and not the mere ridiculous ready-to-eat stuff which appears in the tabloids.

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You will be glad to learn that I may be able to tour Western Canada. Friends of mine are trying to organize a series of lectures. There is much more social awareness and interest in the West of Canada than in Ontario, and as Montreal is closed to me altogether, owing to the Fascist regime in Quebec, I feel a weight lifted from my mind that I will be able to ^{well} out the West. You will also be glad to know that some friends are trying to get me back to the States. But I am not foolish enough to bank too much on their success. The political machine in the America also grinds sure but fine, and I doubt me very much whether I will be readmitted. That is another reason why I am looking forward to reaching the Canadian people out West, for it would certainly be rather an expensive pleasure to come all the way to Canada and only speak in Ontario.

I wonder whether you have finished your own book that you were doing when you wrote your last letter, and whether you have found time to look in to the Oscar Wilde-Harris manuscript sent to you by my ~~own~~ old comrade Tom Bell? I myself have not read the manuscript, but I know that Tom ~~was~~ always very bitter against Frank Harris, for which undoubtedly he had cause. Which merely goes to prove that each one is differently affected by the contact with so complex a character as Frank Harris represented. I myself knew of his many weaknesses and some very repulsive traits. But I also knew that underneath the sagebrush there were some extraordinary fine qualities, understanding and generosity. You see, I lived with the Harrises in their own apartment for a whole month, and if there is any truth in the old biblical saying that you never know a man unless you have played cards with him, drunk with him and slept under the same roof - then I certainly knew Harris inside and out. True, I did not play cards with him, but I spent many hours between twelve and dawn, with him, drinking and talking. His gracious wife Nellie Harris, one of the most charming hostesses I ever met, used to retire about midnight, and that left me to Frank for entertainment. And he certainly was a marvelous entertainer. What was more impressive was his simplicity when he no longer had to play up to the gallery, or pose as an important writer. Then he lost all pretense and braggadocio, and spoke of himself and his work with great simplicity and complete honesty. I fear that my friend Tom Bell knew him only from the side of business transactions, which ~~is never~~ at best is never a good method of knowing human beings. However, I would like to believe that Tom wrote as objectively as possible. I hope that you have found time to read the manuscript. I am very eager to know your reaction. Will you write me?

I suggested a number of publishers to Tom Bell. I mean English publishers. It would be a great asset to the work if you were to write a preface. Also, it would have an effect on publishers. After all, Tom Bell is unknown in his own country, having been away for so many years, but your name is widely known.

Have you read Ethel Mannin's recent book - a continuation of her biography and confessions? She pays high tribute to the literary qualities of your bother Llewellyn, whom she visited last year in Switzerland. And she has a lot of other personalities whom she writes about, including yours truly, E.G. Ethel Mannin was my most devoted co-worker in England, and a tenderly devoted friend. Why she should have been, I do not know, because I seem to have impressed her as seeming very aggressive - a trait that she evidently keenly dislikes. No wonder, because she herself is so tender, like a delicate flower, and her whole being is not unlike a soothing spring breeze. In point

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of truth, I have impressed many people as being aggressive . I suppose that is due to the fact that so few in the world, even if they have an ideal, determinedly stand out for it against all odds. I am certainly guilty of that. I cannot see for the life of me what is the value of an ideal unless one is willing to fight for it to the bitter end. Perhaps it is also a temperamental question. Some people are placid, and naturally do their work or their fights in a placid way. I am driven on by an inner force, sometimes against my own will. Fortunately, those of us who believe in freedom can remain the closest friends, and yet differ in their ideas. That is the superior quality of liberty as against dictatorship.

The Our friends, the Communists, are continuing their cruel work in the French camps as they have while the struggle in Spain still went on. I am enclosing a copy of a letter received from the refugees of one of the camps, and I will also send you under separate cover a statement issued by the 50 Spanish refugees now in London. The heroic fighters from Madrid, Alicante and Valencia, setting forth the truly treacherous methods employed by the Communists against the Council of Defense after Negrin and his Communist friends escaped to France. You will see that I did not exaggerate when I said on previous occasions that Stalin and his henchmen helped to pave the way for the victory of Franco. I feel this with all the intensity of my being, and I propose to cry as loud as my voice can reach to expose Stalin's damnable methods.

By the way, you will be amused when I tell you that a suggestion was made to me by a very influential politician in Washington that I could get a visa to the States if I would promise the Dies Commission, which is investigating subversive propaganda, to attack the Communists. I had to decline with thanks, because I have no intention of being used by Mr. Dies and his helpers, who are as unscrupulous as the Communists, to be used as their tool. But if I could get in on my own conditions, I will certainly pay my respects to Stalin and all that has been done to crush the Spanish people.

Do write me at your earliest convenience. I am always so glad to hear from you.

With affectionate greetings,

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June 20, 1939

E. G. Colton
295 Vaughan Avenue
Toronto, Canada.

Dear Emma:

I can well imagine how busy you are answering your voluminous mail and travelling around. You certainly got a lot of publicity in Windsor. I am returning them to you now. It is nice that you have your own quarters. It is certainly a relief from the cold place you had in London. Sometime later in the summer I shall visit you and will avail myself provided, ofcourse, that there will be no other occupants. It is good that you have Jay and Jennie Levy and perhaps she, in her capacity as a tireless worker for all causes, will succeed to establish a committee for your re-entry. I would wish for nothing more than seeing you in the United States. Today, I received a letter from Molly. She is very busy working as an individual to help our comrades in their plight. I am sending her some money so that she could always have it on hand to help our comrades. She wrote that she has not been feeling well lately and I am sending her, with the return mail, some money for herself to take a vacation; she certainly deserves it. She writes that were it not for you, Billy and myself, plenty of refugees in Paris would be starving.

I received word that Mary Abrams is on a visit in New York and wants to see me. I am planning to be there during this week end and will have a chance to meet her again after twenty years.

I suppose you have had your share of "whooped-up" enthusiasm greeting your king and queen. We had plenty of it our way. Now, the papers are full of the Japanese atrocities on the poor British citizens in the far east. Too many coming on the heels of the king and queen. It looks like a well-prepared propaganda to get ourselves involved in a war. Even the movies are showing the British preparing themselves for the coming war. What do you say about this? Have you had a chance to speak on current events in Canada?

We are again preparing for organization work but I shall manage to be away for a few days and try to be in your part of the country to see you. My love to you.

Rose Pesotta

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Toronto, June 21, 1939.

Dearest Molli[shin]: Dearest Senia:

I feel very guilty having neglected to reply to your letter of May 24th. I had definitely to do it yesterday, when your letter of June 8th arrived and as I had no time to write you at length I left it until today. I am fortunate in having a dear friend, a daughter of a comrade, who has done a lot of work for me when I was here before and we spent four months together in Montreal. Millie Meader, she has our ideas and is besides a very dependable secretary so now I can splurge myself and write you at length. Thank you for all the enclosures and the receipts. Unfortunately we had no channel through which the desperate statement of our comrades in care can be made known, except our own press and that is very limited. I made an attempt here to bring the plight of the refugees to the attention of the readers of the Toronto Star. I wrote a letter pointing out their suffering and their tragedy, but it was never published. While Jay and Jeanne Levey were here for two days two weeks ago Jeanne suggested I write a letter to the New York Times and quote from the statement sent by the German comrades from the camp. Now it happens that Jeanne has rounded up a number of people in New York who going ahead with a campaign to get me back to the States. If I were to appear in the Times in an exposure of the Communists I would be charged with trying to buy my entry to America. It is for this reason that I have decided not to send the letter to the Times. However, I may get something written to describe the terrible conditions of our people in an indirect way. I know someone on the Times who is a Socialist and who might write an article using the material you sent me. I will let you know the result when I hear from him. I do not have to tell you that I have our people in my heart and on my mind being haunted by them in my sleep and in my waking hours. Yet I don't know how to help them in just a desultory way.

However, I have hopes of touring of Western Canada. Some people have become interested between here and Vancouver and are willing to help organize a tour. If that should materialize I should be able to raise considerable money and what is even more important expose the treachery of the Communists the outrages and discrimination which they are keeping up in the camps. And not only there but also in London against the 50 comrades who are nearly mad with anxiety of whether they will ever given the chance to go to Mexico. A letter from Ethel Mannin tells me that Communists are spreading the rumour that Mexico doesn't want Anarchists or Anarcho-Syndicalists so you can see that the dastardly methods of the Communists prevail everywhere and Stalin's hand reaches out to the remotest parts of the world. Ethel also says that one of the comrades had a nervous breakdown and had to be put in an institution. It was a terrible shock to me and has made me anxious about the rest of the comrades. They are beginning to waver under their illness and their anxiety of getting away. They feel their dependence terribly.

Before I close I must say that I am very glad to hear from you.

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expressing his grief that the copy of my letter to him which I sent ~~through the post~~ you for Cantillon was circularized in the camp and this in return increased that antagonism and the attacks against Vasquez. I must say that I consider Cantillon's action a breach of faith. I certainly did not mean for that letter to be distributed among the comrades in the camp and thereby add fuel to fires which exists between the different comrades. I don't know what possessed Cantillon to do such a thing. The copy of the letter was intended for him, Herrera and a few other comrades of F.I. It was never meant to be made public even among the refugees. There is enough strife as it is and I do not want to be a party of increasing of the terrible abyss which exists. Naturally I shall have to write Vasquez that I had no idea the letter would be circularized and I am deeply sorry for having hurt unnecessarily. Please tell it to S. He has not found it necessary to reply to the letter I sent through you. Though I asked for an immediate answer to my letter as to what part he and the F.I. had in getting our people to Mexico, after all it is not a matter of just ordinary correspondence it was a question of deciding where the money we still have on hand was to go. Together with the group we agreed that the hundred dollars should go towards the transportation of our people. Surely that was important for S. to answer.

Vasquez also wrote me that the Spanish Consul of the SIA has spent 450 thousand francs during the month of May for contributions to comrades inside and out of the camp. Aside from that there are so many this large amount is also a drop in the bucket. Nevertheless it proves that SIA and U.I. are doing something so that they can no longer be charged with favoritism. But as I said it requires millions to satisfy the needs of all the people in the camps. So it is natural if some are overlooked or do not receive the care and support they should get. It is for this reason that I have been sending you and as much as I could in order to help such cases as you can reach. I would be only too happy dearest Molly to keep sending you money for our men and women comrades like those whose letters you sent me. I am waiting from day to day to get some money on account of Sasha's and my material which sold to The International Institute for Social History. I have promised myself to send that amount for the need of our Spanish comrades. But so far I will not be able to raise money as we have no public gatherings so there is nothing to do but wait until I hear from Amsterdam.

To revert to Vasquez. He also wrote me that has been sending 50 lbs. a month for the 50 refugees in London. At the same time Ethel Mannin writes that she is having difficulties in raising money for their upkeep. Now it cannot possibly be that the comrades in London have received the money and have said nothing to the others who constitute the committee. I suspect therefore that the 50 lbs. have gone to the National Committee for Spanish Relief which is entirely managed by the Communists. It has been a mystery to me how our people were included in the 50 refugees who came to London on the same ship with me. This body has been contributing like a week towards the expenses

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of \$2 a week for tobacco and other necessities for the men. It may well be that the committee pocketed the \$502 sent by Vesquez and said nothing more about it. Anyway I have written Michel to look into the matter at once. I am writing you all this that you may see the DIA and CFT are after all concerning themselves with the plight of the comrades and contributing as much as resources will permit to the needs of our people as to the complaints, the antagonism and the bitterness which exists between the refugees. I have definitely decided not to mix in them. The unfortunate situation is a repetition of all similar states where emigrants living in alien lands develop all sorts of mistrust and mutual recrimination. It is unavoidable and far from helping the comrades by my reactions as you my dear suggested I fear that I am only accentuating the whole tragic condition. I do not consider myself competent to decide who is wrong or right and is extremely distasteful to me to sit in judgment over one side or another.

Speaking of the possible you may have to ask for Michel in case he will get the necessary papers to go Mexico. It might have been possible but for fact that two comrades, one a Jew and the other an Italian, at the front for three years and who escaped from the camp and are now here need all the help we can give. Especially the Italian comrade who is very anxious to go to Mexico and who will need all help once his documents are in order. Of course, I will always be willing and happy to contribute a small part to the journey Michel is contemplating. But this will cut out of my own limited resources because I consider him very worth while and because I am genuinely very fond of him. But do not count on much.

The correspondence of Frank with the Quakers is very interesting so are the concrete suggestion made by Ventillon to the Quakers. I wish I knew if I could use these suggestions for publicity. I might be able to place an article quoting the contents of Ventillon's letter. I may even send it to the Times, or perhaps the Star will take it. You say that Frank doesn't want his correspondence made known. Does that apply also to Ventillon's? I wish you would let me know by return mail because I would like to make use of the material.

I don't know what got into Barr to make him keep back the \$ which I gave him with other money to sent you. I have written to him some time ago about but have received no answer yet. There must be some blunder somewhere because I have always found Barr honest and very dependable in all money transactions. I am writing him again this week and I will again ask him about the money. I already hear from Martin that he had received the two which were intended for a young mother who gave to her baby Monpallier and who was in desperate straits. And that he also received the \$20.00 which I sent him. So that is all right. The sacks of clothes which we sent from here should be in your hands by this time. I hope so anyway. We are waiting to hear whether you have received them and whether you want us to send more clothing. I am terribly sorry about the comrade who was editor of the CFT. In a week or so I will

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send a little money for him. It is maddening that one cannot do much. I only wish I could. By the way, I have a scheme which I intend to put in motion very soon. It is to utilize the anniversary of my 50th year in the anarchist movement to erect an Emma Goldman Spanish Relief Fund. I talked about it to Jeanne Levey and she thought it was a worthwhile venture and that she will do everything in her power to help. I mean to issue a call through our press to the comrades to organize socials for the 15th of August or picnics to raise funds in my name for the comrades. That would be the greatest proof to me of their appreciation of my activities in our ranks. Of course we will organize something in this city. I wish somebody would have thought of that in connection with my 70th birthday, as I could not possibly do anything myself in connection with that date. But I will certainly will do it in August. As you see darling I am full of all sorts of schemes to help our people, if only it would help.

So far, I heard of only the Los Angeles comrades who have arranged something for the 27th. Here it will consist only of the few comrades we have. I prefer it this way because the 27th has lost its meaning since Sasha chose that evening to end his life. Besides my birth on the 27th was not of my choice. The 15th of August was. It marks my conscious birth in the anarchist ranks and I am not at all diffident about asking the comrades to celebrate it and combine the pleasant with the practical. However, if there will be anything to drink, I promise you I will raise a glass to you two my beloved children.

Dearest Molly, I know that you could never bear Amy, now could I blame you for she was very trying indeed. Moreover she was like a constant black cloud between Sasha and myself. Nevertheless, I could never get her out of my mind or cut her off. All that will not be necessary any more. I received word from Nellie Harris that Amy died on the 8th of this month after a sixth operation. They seem to have cut her insides to pieces. The miracle was that she could struggle on the last three or four months. But it is over. Just two years and nine months after Sasha's death. Well my dear I have written you or rather Millie has a veritable Magilla. I take you both in my arms and hold you close to my heart. With love,

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32 N. State St., Chicago, Ill.,
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My dear E.G. Mommy:

Your beautiful, soul-warming letter came to me. It's the letter I've been waiting for for years - to know that you feel kindly and somewhat appreciative of our work together and that you are sharing your troubles and your confidences and your defeat and your victories with me is all that I ever asked for. And now let us say with the prophet of old, "Now lettest thy servant depart in peace, for mine eyes have seen the glory of the lord."

You see, Mommy, I have disappointed so many women and great is my sin and great is my punishment. I gave you the best that was in me and your love and close companionship gave me the strength of ten to work. You and Brutus's mother gave me so much. Poor dear Anna - I never was able to give her much joy or peace. She never got much more out of life than her son and that's why I've been so anxious that Brutus amounted to much.

Of course, dear old friend, I'm not disappointed or vexed that you can't give me any more than you can give. I understand the sands of seventy flow slowly, and with a Franco and a Hitler and a Mussolini and war and hatred in the world, you at most having so few years left to work, wanting to devote yourself to what is ~~most~~ most important. So, when I come to you, give me what you can of your love and your time. I hope we will have a few days to get some things down on paper.

I have a market for an article on TEN YEARS WITH EMMA GOLDMAN. I wanted so much to write something that you would be proud of, that would tell the story of how you took a hobo and made a crusader out of him. I wanted to tell the power of anarchism, the glory of freedom. Now to borrow a phrase from our dear old friend Voltairine DeCleyre, whose grave I visited last Decoration Day, "the power to want is gone." The past week my diabetes and nephritis have caught up with me, and I broke out with a painful boil on the spot where I sit down so much. And I've had more actual pain and discomfort than I've had since the time I had the toothache when I was with you 25 years ago. And, as I lay at home suffering and my mother and Brutus putting hot cloths on my boil, instead of thinking about our joys and victories together, I think about ~~YIP~~ Alexander Berkman, and the pain that drove him to despair. I think about Rose Siegel, the woman I married and disappointed. And how she prayed and longed for the pain which I am now experiencing. I think about the Oliver's, my daughter's grandparents - how they hated me and longed for my painful death.

Of course, it's very selfish and cheap to be consumed by your own pain, with 10,000,000 unemployed and millions of refugees and hundreds of tyrants. But that's life. I hope for us, dear Mommy, that our faith and our love will never desert us as it did Berkman. I hope we can - - that's the terror of self-destruction. It's a bad example for those who remain. I hold your hand. I look into your lovely blue eyes. I would weep.

With love

Ben

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395 Vaughan Rd.
Toronto June 25th 39

My dear Teddy. What can be the matter that you have stopped writing. I had hoped when I will be so near New York you would write me a weekly letter about Stella. Instead you do not even write as often as when I was in London. I wonder if you realize how I suffer about my separation from Stella when I am so near and how I look forward to every word I get about her. But it is very painful indeed to get scraps of news all the way from Ian, or a stray remark from Ruth. It is at least a month if not more that you wrote me you were to take Stella out for a drive. Since then you have taken Davy to her, for drives and to a museum but not one word from you how all this has effected Stella. Surely she must be on the way of recovery if she is permitted to go out, and surely her interest in things must have awakened if she can find distraction in museums. Then why am I not hearing from you? Really my dear there is no excuse for your silence even if you are ever so busy. I implore you write and tell me how Stella has reacted to Davy, to her drives, to the visit to the museum.

I wonder what effect Davy's visit to his mother had on him. He is so impressionable, I hope, to see his mother so run-down and tain did not shock him too much. Be sure to tell me about this also when you write.

A letter from Ian several weeks ago said dated June 2nd told me he would be home in a little over a month. I wonder is he on the way, or what do you hear from him? Teddy dear, please write me by return mail. I am frightfully distressed being kept in suspense so long.

Love to Davy and yourself. If you think Stella would like to know about me tell her I think of her all the time and I long so to see her. It will be the first time in Stella's life and mine when I will be without word from her on the 27th. If only you would write it would be some recompence.

Devotedly

Emma

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Rudolf my dear, darling Milly. I have received your beautiful letter to my birthday and copy of your beautiful article in which appeared in the Kreis Arb. Stimme. Together with your loving messages I have received many wires and letters from Lollie and Senia, from Arthur Miller-Lehning and his wife, from the comrades in Stockholm, from Nelson and Nora and from a lot of comrades in America. Alas, it was not given me to pass this day without a shadow, a double shadow this year. The one has made more poignant Sasha's loss. The other came this morning. Mariano Vazquez lost his life by drowning. How utterly stupid human destiny is. Mariano who had faced so many dangers of every description, who came nearly falling into Franco's clutches because he remained the last to help evacuate our people, Mariano loses his life in such a senseless, useless and stupid way. Martin writes, he with his family and several other comrades went for an outing, Mariano swam across some river, to the spot where the comrades had forgathered. He insisted on swimming back but was evidently caught by cramps in the middle of the stream and went down before help could reach him. I simply feel paralyzed. I do not know how I can face the little affair the comrades here have arranged. For Mariano was like my own child of my own flesh and blood. He had many faults, the most repelling was his grougness with everybody, his brutal and abrupt manner and his fanatical adherence to the letter of organizational discipline. And yet I knew that he was tender and loving under his hard exterior. As to his honesty, he was of sterling quality, but as I say his fanatical organizational ways made him ~~bureaucratic~~ bureaucratic with people and overbearing.

however, all this does not do away with the fact that Mariano was the most tireless worker ~~far~~ in the CNT, religiously concecrated to the struggle, always on the hight of hope and optimism of the victory of our cause. I could not help but love him though I was often driven to impatience and despair with him. And now he is no more and the Spanish movement has sustained an irreperable loss.

I was just going to answer his letter which I inclose here. You will see that Santillan committed a breach of faith with the copy of the letter I wrote Mariano before I left Europe begging him to let up on his harshness towards everbody who does not agree with him. Naturally I did not want the letter circulated. Let that is exactly what Santillan did. I was sick at heart when I read that. You will see by my letter to Lollie how shocked I was and how disgusted.

I am also sending you Hererras letter which I want you to translate for me. I know enough Spanish to get the gist of the letter, but it is important that I should know every word before I reply. The attitude of Hererra, Santillan and several others of the FAI was very bitter, it was the same of Vazquez towards S.H. and the rail. And yet they are all such marvelous people, Hererra especially is one of the finest types of Spanish comrades I have met. Honest as the day and a revolutionist to

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to the tip of his finger. It is not a greater tragedy than even the secret of our cause in Spain that such comrades as Herrera, Samalier, Hyndman and Mariano should be at each others throat? I cannot tell you how much I have suffered through it and how hard I have tried to make each one see the other in a true light.

Please dear Rudolf do the letter for me at once. I must write Herrera without delay. I feel sure your knowledge of Spanish is more thorough than mine. I do not want to send H's letter to any one else for fear it will also be passed around to the comrades in the camps. I cannot bear to think that my letter should have been abused to throw acid on the open wounds of our martyred people in the Camps.

Forgive me if I cannot write any more now. I am terribly shaken by the news of Marianos death, the great loss to our ranks, and my own personal loss which is beyond words. Martin writes M. had shown him the inclosed letter and had told him that I was more than his mother to him because I was I had been among the few who had understood him and the Spanish struggle.

Please thank Hilda and Sam for the wire. I will write them later on. Hoping to get the inclosures back as soon as possible and the translation. With my love and abiding friendship your heart broken birthday child.

Emma

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TO COMRADES AND FRIENDS ON THE NORTH AMERICAN CONTINENT:



As you see, I am now very near to you in the United States, yet still very far away. Fortunately, there are no spiritual boundaries to the all-embracing force of comradeship and solidarity. I, therefore, feel very close to all of you regardless of arbitrary frontier divisions. I feel certain that you also feel close to me.

August 15, '39, will be exactly a half century since I entered our ranks and took up the battle for anarchism. Far from regretting this step, I can say honestly I am more convinced than in August, 1889, of the logic and justice of our ideal. True, we are passing through a period of the blackest reaction in every country. The Fascists, the so-called democracies, and even "the workers' fatherland" are competing with each other to further forge the chains of economic and political slavery and to destroy the individual altogether. By this very scramble for Power, the State in every country has proven its utter inability to meet the needs of the people and to maintain even a modicum of freedom and well-being.

Only one country and one people have attempted to translate anarchist thought and ideas into action. They were Spain and the Spanish people. By their heroic struggle against Fascism, and in defense of the Spanish Revolution, and even more so, by their magnificent constructive work, they have silenced forever the contention that anarchism is a wild idea, utterly impractical and never to be realized. If they have been defeated in the end, it was entirely due to the conspiracy of the Democracies and Soviet Russia to crush the Spanish Revolution at all costs. No less guilty was the International Proletariat. By its acquiescence to the half-hearted sympathy on the part of its leaders with Spain, the workers have betrayed their Spanish brothers and have thus helped Franco to defeat the glorious beginnings in Spain.

Yes! Franco has defeated the Spanish Revolution, but he has not conquered the Spanish workers and peasants of the National Confederation of Labour, the Anarchist Federation of Iberia and the Libertarian Youth. Forced to flee the tender mercies of Franco, subjected to the most barbarous treatment in the French concentration camps, our Spanish Comrades continue to be imbued with their ideal. Those that I was able to see before sailing for Canada entrusted me with a message to the comrades in Canada and the United States. It is:- "Tell all the comrades that though defeated, we are not conquered. As long as we will draw a living breath, no power will succeed in crushing us and in extinguishing our flaming spirit and our determination to come back to Spain, and take up once more the battle to realize the promise of July 19th, 1936."

Let me impress upon all, especially comrades of U.S. and Canada, the need of increasing your fervour and energy for our gallant Spanish Libertarians now suffering beyond belief in concentration camps and exile.

Issued on my 70th Birthday, Fraternally,
June 27th, 1939.

295 Vaughan Road,
Toronto, Ont., Canada.

Emma Goldman

PUBLISHERS' NOTE: To this appeal of our UNOFFICIAL but well recognized—LIBERTARIAN AMBASSADOR To The World At Large we add assurances that every single cent of support sent through Emma Goldman, or this Committee to Spanish Libertarians, who escaped Franco's

blood-spilling machine will reach such Spanish exiles facing death if they cannot make a living in foreign lands. —LOS ANGELES LIBERTARIAN COMMITTEE

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June 27th, 1939.

My Dear Miss Emma Goldman,

May I add my congratulations and best wishes on the occasion of your birthday to those of the many many other friends of yours? I am myself old enough not to believe in birthday celebrations and not to want even to be reminded of them, but since they are here and we cannot escape them, I should like to utilise the occasion of one of yours to tell you how deeply and genuinely I have always admired your brave spirit, your courage, your pertinacity and the glorious fight for freedom which you have fought throughout your life.

I used to admire your fighting spirit from a distance before I knew you personally, but recently since I have had the privilege of seeing you at closer quarters, my admiration has been strengthened by another feeling, shared doubtless by most of your friends who have watched your fight of the last few bitter years, — that of wonder, which in my case at least, has been a source of hope and faith in human nature. It is easy to be a revolutionist under the applause of the multitudes, approved by friends and respected by enemies. But your fight during the last few years, almost alone against an implacable enemy, against fate, even against friends, has often put me to shame for my loss of faith in the nobility of man and woman. I tell you very sincerely that in these dark days when the world seems to be coming to an end and one has a tendency to slip silently into the darkness because it is so obviously futile to fight and to revolt, the example of your life, particularly of the dreary days which you spent in London, were to me an inspiration. It was not what you did or said that helped me, but what you are, the mere fact of the existence of your spirit which never gives in and fights on no matter how thick is the darkness in the world at large and in our own little worlds.

Please, do accept my expressions of sincere admiration and my good wishes for the success of whatever you will undertake in the future. People like you never get old (this is their greatest charm). You have a long and very interesting life ahead of you. May you never grow less bold; may you never strike less valiantly in the future than you did in the past. But may you, (if my prayer be heard) also know a little more happiness than you have known of late.

I often ask Lisa about you and she tells me about your movements and successes in Canada. I hope you are enjoying yourself. Things here are exactly the same as they were last September during the crisis. We are rapidly drifting into the same depression, fear and nervous strain. Lately, I have been pursued by a strange thought. This is that evil, brutality, murder, betrayal and strangulation of freedom always carry within themselves their own revenge. I am afraid that we shall soon pay for our betrayal of Spain, of the Jews, of the Czechs and of all the poor and oppressed whom we have let go under without aid. We will pay dearly and I am afraid tragically.

Yours very sincerely,

WM. ZUKERMAN.

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JUNE 27, 1939.

MRS. EMMA GOLDMAN COLTON
295 VOUGHAM ROAD,
TORONTO CANADA.

GREETINGS TO ONE OF THE STAUCHEST DEFENDERS OF HUMAN RIGHTS
WE CELEBRATE THIS DAY WITH YOU IN COMMEMORATION OF THE GREAT
IDEALISM AND COURAGE YOU HAVE DISPLAYED THROUGHOUT YOUR
LIFELONG CHAMPIONSHIP OF LIBERTY AND ENLIGHTENMENT (STOP)
THOUGH THERE WERE MANY INEVITABLE DISAPPOINTMENTS YOU REMAINED
ALWAYS THE SOLDIER FEARLESS REALISTIC HONEST AND BUOYANT WITH
FAITH IN THE ULTIMATE VICTORY
IT CAME AS AN ASTONISHING SURPRISE TO US TO REALIZE THAT YOU
HAVE ATTAINED TO THE FULNESS OF YEARS OF ^A SEVENTIETH BIRTHDAY
FOR ME AS FOR ALL WHO KNOW YOU, YOU ARE AND ALWAYS WILL BE A
VERY YOUNG WOMAN FACING A GREAT FUTURE MANY MANY MORE BIRTHDAYS
LIKE THIS TO YOU

REUBEN GUSKIN

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June 28, 1939,

One feels a little tired on the day after one's birthday but I am fortunate in having an old friend who has been very helpful some years ago and who is again good enough to have offered her assistance. I have therefore decided to answer your long letter and your many notes, all of which reached me safely. I must say no greater both any more than to write a twelve page letter and a number of notes by hand. Frankly I ask for your patience especially as you are so busy all the time. I frankly admit that I could no longer do it. I find it difficult enough to write long letters on the machine unless I can have someone take dictation, but by hand I am afraid my affection couldn't hold out such an ordeal. Nevertheless I appreciate your spirit and all you say in your long epistle and I am going to try to answer it as nearly as possible.

First about Tom. I am terribly sorry to learn of his plight. I wish we could have organized a fund to support old comrades who have given of their strength and ability to our movement over many years, for nothing so appeals me as old age, a broken body and economic dependence. It was this dread which impelled A.B. to take himself out of this rotten world of ours. I hope that I too will have the strength to follow his example when in the years to come I find myself depleted in health and energy and without means of support. I am glad to say that so far I have my health, energy and the desire to continue the battle for our ideals, but should there come a let up I do not think I could face life gracefully. I understand Tom only too well because he too has a young spirit and his brain still functions beautifully. It must be quite galling not to have the physique to sustain his spirit and his fine intellectual quality. It is all so sad.

What you say about Yaffe and his splendid individual efforts is only too true. There was never anything of great value undertaken and carried out that did not have the individual motor power to push it along. Unfortunately very few people who believe in individual freedom as a dominant factor for social efforts realize the place of the individual in society. It is for this reason that I wrote the pamphlet by this name. I am never completely satisfied with my writing no matter how well it turns out but I must say the place of the individual in society is among my very best work. I am only sorry that it has so far met with very little sale. I hope to concentrate on its circulation now on my tour through Western Canada.

I hope your celebration was successful. I did

Emma Goldman

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... Emma Goldman had changed her attitude towards ...
... was very friendly for quite a long time after she was
... from the Missouri State Penitentiary, but as
... political work does change people and makes them deny
... friends, especially when it concerns the persons
... considered "the most dangerous woman in the world".

The birthday party last night was small, but most genuine
and comradely. We had no outstanding speakers, but the comrades
of the various groups spoke for a few minutes and expressed their
heartfelt appreciation for E.G.'s life and work. Yet though the party
was local, the whole world was present by means of cables, wires and
letters from a number of European countries and the United States.
I will have copies made of the cables and wires and will send you a
set later on. In all I received about thirty-eight of them. Of course
it would be impossible to write to every one individually. I am
therefore going to prepare a general report and will send copies to
our press in America, France, Holland, and Sweden expressing my
deep appreciation for all the good wishes I have received. I will send
you a copy as well. Last night when I replied to all the good wishes
I already announced my second birthday this year the 15th of August.
I explained that unlike most people I was born twice, on the 7th of
June, without being asked for my consent and on the 1st of August
which ~~mark~~ symbolizes my spiritual birth of fifty years activity
in the anarchist and labor ranks. All those present promised to make
that day another holiday and to do what they can to establish an
Emma Goldman Spanish relief fund.

You are undoubtedly right that making appeals for
our Spanish comrades may not meet with great result because a much
had already been raised for the purpose. It seems to me however that
whatever had been done so far is very little indeed compared with the
valiant struggle carried on in Spain for two and one-half years and
in face of the betrayal of the Spanish people by the whole world.
Moreover, the purgatory the Spanish refugees have been subjected to
in the hideous French concentration camps and the number of them which
have already perished should strengthen our efforts to go on working
for these gallant people at least some sanctuary will be found for them.
However, I agree with you that something of a native colour should be
added to the fund I have in mind for the Spanish people. Will you
suggest how we are to combine some purpose in the United States with
the E.G. Spanish relief fund. I know your judgment and that of Nedie's
are very excellent and I am very willing to abide by whatever proposition
you have to make.

Your idea about a pamphlet setting forth the fifty
years of my activities is very good indeed, provided we can find
somebody who can write an adequate history of it. It will not do
to give mere facts. It is never easy to make a document of it of
human appeal, otherwise I do not think it will sell. At this moment
I can not think of anyone who knows my life and work and who is
competent in a literary to really make something worthwhile out of it.
The only one I should like to do the pamphlet is Rudolf Rocker. I
know of no one else who knows me so closely and who certainly ~~has~~
has the ability to write.

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The folder arrived with the last delivery last night, in time to take some to my affair and give them out. Everybody is enchanted with the set-up. The masses evidently looked upon the folder as advertisements and the duty was accordingly, \$5.54. It is too bad that it was not sent as gifts to be given out for the occasion for the birthday. Nevertheless it was worthwhile to pay the duty and express charges of \$5.08 to get such a nice folder. Let me know in your next letter how much I have to pay the printer or whether I am to make out a cheque to you. For the present I have enough. Later I will let you know about having more printed. No I do not think that the folder can be sold. It would look cheap since it was intended as a birthday memento.

My dear, I do not think we have to argue about the adequacy of your definition of anarchism. Like you I have never believed in violence as motivated by vengeance or retaliation, nevertheless I have understood the individual act of violence which invariably was a response to organized violence and despotic rule on top. I simply could not and would not join the chorus of crucify the revolutionists who could not continue life complacently in the face of social and political wrongs. Like you, I have fought war and invasion all my life, but I have never been able to agree with the pacifist attitude in the face of the attempt to crush the revolutionary gains of the masses. As to Spain I am sorry that Tom Bell has taken everything he read in the papers for granted regarding the violence used by the workers against the Spanish priesthood and the church. In point of truth, there was very little acts of violence permitted on our side, although priests were caught red handed in fascist conspiracies and the churches were found to be arsenals as well as mints of gold and jewels. Surely Tom who knows Spain should know that more than in any other country the Spanish church has been the most merciless and barbarous enslaver of the Spanish people and that the priests have used every means at their command to keep the people in ignorance and subjection and to drain them white. How then can he wax so warm over the violence used against the poor clergy whose part in Spanish history is one of the bloodiest. I cannot agree with it and I would not like to be put down as repudiating force in the struggle with the Spanish fascist forces and the Spanish church. But you are quite right when you say that in a definition it is impossible to go in the rock bottom of the meaning of a word. I therefore do not mind to let your definition stand. Yes of course I saw at once that you had ~~transmuted~~ "vamped" our definition in Anarchism and other essays.

I have I think told you before that my memory in names is not good, I therefore cannot place Dr. Packert and Mary Heinish. I probably would know them at once if I could lay my eyes on them. Dr. Gerson was never active in our ranks except as a contributor whenever he was appealed to. Perhaps he has been bitten by the communist bug as Dr. Wikel and so many others who once claimed to be "philosophic" anarchists and who are now blind to the faith of every one in opposition against Stalin's blessings. About Sprading, he was always very self centered, the crassest individualist of all, and he had always considered every activity in which he had no part as useless. I suppose old age has made him grouchy and impatient with those who have gone ahead with their work. It cannot be helped. There is no doubt that Holloway has a larger vista and a more youthful

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Please let me know whether I can avail myself of the lists sent me by Sadie for the appeal for the 15th of August. I mean when we have prepared some kind of a call for the purpose. I would have the addresses written meanwhile. Please let me know who I am to make the cheque out to for the folders and how much for the six hundred. Your short note asking for the place of last night's gathering came too late to be of any use to comrade Lerner.

I think I have answered the most important points in your long letter and also in the short notes. If I have omitted something let me know, and I will cover it. I feel sure you will let me know the outcome of the party you had in Los Angeles and that when you get your ~~draft~~ breath from the work you have done for me you will let me have your idea about the proposed call for the 15th of August. Give my love to Sadie and take a big chunk for yourself. Fraternal greetings to all the comrades.

Devotedly,

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295, Vaughan Rd.
Toronto June 29th 39.

Dear Ben. I recieved your very nice letter to my 70th anniversary and also a short scrib that arrived yesterday. For a man what swear about Jous you are of faint heart to doubt my feeling about the ten years we have spent together. I admit they were for the most part very painful years for me, and no doubt also for you, but I would not have missed known such an exotic and primitive creature as you. And I have always told everybody what a worker you were, in fact, the only man of all the men I had known who had completely dedicated himself to the work and aims that were the strongest raison d'etre in my life. I am quite willing you should quote me on this and also that I am sure that you gave the best, alas, also the worst in you during our ten years. You must remember my saying that there is no sinner who is not also often a saint, or vice versa. You certainly were both.

I inclose a report for the Freie Arbeiter Stimme about the 27th of this my 70th birthday. You will see that my comrades have not forgotten me, in fact, they gave of their love and their admiration more profusely than at any time since I entered the Anarchist ranks. When you will be here I will let you read all the cables, wires and letters that came from Europe, the States and Canada.. naturally I was moved deepest by the tribute paid me by my Spanish comrades. It is the most beautiful tribute I have ever received. All and all I was tremendously enriched this year. I have a plan for August 15th my fiftieth anniversary in the Anarchist movement which might bring practice results for the Spanish refugees in the hideous French camps. As you see I have two anniversaries this year.

My dear, don't think I am trying to back out of your visit. Indeed not. But it happens that my sister has a chance of being motored here. She arrives Saturday and will stay until the fifth. And I also have my brother Hermanns son Allen since last Sunday, he too will leave next week. It is no use mixing visitors. ~~But~~ No one gets anything from such an arrangement. I know you will understand. Can you arrange to come next Friday and stay until the following Monday. Let me know at once and I will definitely keep these days open for you.

Affectionately.

Emma

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32 W. State St June 30th. 1939.
Chicago Ill.

Dearest Mommy.

Will make arrangement to come to you nex Friday June 7th.

I don't know just how I will come, probably by train, but there is
a possibility of Brutus driving me there.

Brutus went to Northern Wisco. today to remain over Tuesday.

July 4th. has been an important day in our life..

So gald that you had beautiful 70th Birthday and so many friends
remembered you, I am greatful for sending me a copy of." To My Comrades
And Friends in Europe and Usa." You will have a better FIFTY YEAR
Celebration on Aug. 15th. I want to be there.

You will be surprised when I tell you I would like to be your Manager
on your next Tour across Canada. I think I could put over a profitable
trip for you. And I am sure I would enjoy it.

We will talk about it when I see you .

Keep sweet get passionate

Until I see you Friday

Love

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295, Vaughan Rd.
June 30th 39

Dearest Fitzzi. It was thoughtless of me not to let you know that the comrades had arranged an evening, sort of "banquet" for Tuesday Evening. You and Pauline would have been saved the bother of trying to get me. We did not get back until 12,30 that night. Yes, the affair was very nice. There were no outstanding speakers, some comrade from the three groups spoke and a few outsiders. It was really unnecessary because the numerous cables, wires and letters I have received made our affair very large and quite International. I am inclosing copies of my letters to Harry Weinberger, C.V. Cook, and Jeanne Levey giving them a short account of the birthday party, and also stating what I had received in money gifts. In addition to the stated figures are \$25 which came to day from the comrades of St Louis per our dear little and loving Ben. I know without him telling me how he had longed to be present. Also I know how hard pressed he is. I missed him very much indeed for I know few people who can make a gathering so gay as he.

Need I assure you that I missed you my dearest, faithful one? You are one of the few links left of my life in America the last vital years, and you are the most understanding and loving creature who has never failed me. So I missed you painfully, and Pauline and a few others. As I said in one of my letters the 27th would have been perfect but for the fact that Sasha ended his life the night of the 27th. To day three years ago I buried him, and for the news from Paris about the senseless and futile death by ~~xxxx~~ drowning of Mariano R. Vazquez the general secretary of the National Confederation of Labor. I was ill all day and had to hold on to myself at the affair not to break down. While he could not lace Sasha's shoes intellectually, and as a personal ity Mariano was nevertheless among the most heroic characters in Spain and an untiring worker. His death is a frightful loss.

You will see by the copy of my letter to Jay who is in New York that I am already starting a new campaign, in re my fiftieth anniversary in the Anarchist ranks. I want to try hard to raise a fund for our martyred Spaniards to get them out of France. I don't know how it is to be done, but people like anniversaries and they may like the idea of an Emma Goldman Spanish Fund. I wonder if you have any suggestions to make in this matter.

Darling Fitzzi thank you for the splendid job you have done in re my birthday. The Total is almost the amount you had expected, isn't it? It will go a long way to relieve me of the anxiety how to make ends meet. Darling if you lose your job you must let me help you a little until you get another. I hope fervently that you may not get the slip. Poor Cora she must be feeling miserable. But if one at least can keep on under the "blessings" of the W.P.A. I dread to think how worried you will be, have been already for weeks. So you must let me help you. After all such friends as we have been and are should make sharing a matter of course. Let me know please, for I am most anxious about you.

Nellie Harri^o wrote me about Emmys death, only a few words. If ever there was a human being who deliberately ~~xxx~~ marched into the arms of death it was Emmy. And yet no human being I have ever met clung to life so as she, and was so mortally afraid of death. She knew

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She knew operations would kill her, yet she went under the knife with the greatest ease. She was the strangest critter I have ~~met~~ ever met. Of course there would have been no operations if she had not met the Frenchman who had money and fairly lavished it on Emmy. In her misfortune she had much luck. She wound herself around the man she captured and consumed him. As to what she did to Sasha and to me. It is all over so there is no use to write about it. Except this, that while she hated me with deadly hatred and dragged me through the mire I could never caught her off completely. I had no idea she had found someone who looked after her, or the money she used to get from her sister. I kept on sending her a monthly allowance and worried sick because I knew it was not enough to live on. Poor E's whole life consisted of deception and such selfcenteredness as I have never met before. I hope she is at peace.

I don't know what I am going to do about the numerous letters and cables. They have to be answered and I have not been able to find someone competent to relieve me. I suppose I could get an ordinary typist but they are impossible, they cannot follow my language and are frightfully slow. I shall probably have to keep at the machine all summer.

I have Allen, my brother Hermans son with me. He is a beautiful kid but very American, sports, dime novels and other such things are his passion. However, he is unspoiled and very tender. That is a great deal. My sister Lena arrives tomorrow for a few days. Mo cannot come until the end of Aug. or the first week in Sept.

I finally have a letter from Teddy. Stella has certainly made headway. Teddy writes when he had her in the Park he suggested a Restaurant. At first she did not want to go. She consented when he told her he was hungry. He ordered a large crab. Stella not only ate her own portion but also half of Teddys, and she had a glass of beer which the nurse said she could have. Perhaps if she had a changed diet in the Center she might regain her appetite. I will suggest this to Teddy when I write him. How marvellous it will be when Stella is her old self again. But it means a long time yet Teddy writes.

"Darling Fitz I take you in my arms and press you to my loving heart.

Your old E.G.

Emma

Love to Pauline. I was so glad to hear her voice and to know she may come this way. Affectionate greetings to Cora.

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from: V. Cook - re Spanish Anarchist letter of appeal

Our appeal must drive it into consciousness that the predicament of the Spanish Comrades creates both a need and an opportunity that we cannot ignore a final need to help them out of ~~their~~ these concentration camps into a new-country where their own creative energies will enable them to begin again to make their own way in the world. This is a task of heroic proportions - yet solved by all pioneer spirits with magnificent success because all who stand unconquered by those who would make them "slave minded" subjects have carried the torch of liberty through all ages.

Our Spanish Comrades thus will become pioneers to plant the seeds of the new society that will mature tomorrow in every country to which they migrate.

What I ask is that we help you to provide far more money and food to enable them to reach new countries ready and willing to receive them, bare handed, and they ~~may~~ be. You will personally see to it that the money is actually applied to the purpose for which it is contributed, that only known and worthy comrades are aided and that the funds are not wasted on half-baked wretches, however needful.

You must bear down hard, Emma, that these contributions afford actual opportunity to help plant the seeds of Liberty in new places and thereby honeycomb our present society for the coming of a new day. Spain's terrible tragedy is our opportunity to transplant libertarian ideas throughout the world.

That it is your firm resolve and high hope never to let it pass for naught that the Spanish Movement through its highest and most competent officials have designated you as MOTHER - that accordingly you must regard all generations of comrades produced by Spanish soil as your own children, now homeless and helpless, who must be transplanted to some foreign country - there to become a new center radiating the spirit of true Libertarianism to the world. The fondest hope of us all is to spread the eternal principles of liberty so that it may be accepted by all the inhabitants of the earth.

Here are thousands, yes thousands, of staunch and sturdy comrades, ready made protagonists of liberty, cream of Spain's 2,000,000 Anarchist minded population - the greatest body of libertarian thinkers yet developed anywhere in all the world ready and willing to be transported and transplanted to countries where liberty enough exists to receive them. They are the seed of the future society, mentally mature and morally imperturbable.

The proud Castilian spirit that once conquered the world is beating in their breasts to further our movement in favor of freedom and refuses to bow to the dictator Franco. By walking out of Spain into these horrible concentrations and refusing to return they have actually declared in effect "Give me liberty - or give me death".

You ask in the name of liberty and an act of common humanity that we recognize the plight of our Spanish comrades and on the basis that it is up to each of us "to help take care of our own" - that you intend never to rest till the last comrade is taken out of these French "hell-holes".

He also suggest a printed card - for cash gifts and pledges monthly also a self-addressed return envelope.

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295 Vaughan Rd.,
Toronto, Ont.,
July 1, 1939.

Dear Mark:

First of all let me thank you for your greeting to my 70th Anniversay in the F.A.S. and also the birthday wire which you have signed. Enclosed is a report about our gathering here and the many wires and letters I have received. I wish I could send copies of the cables, telegrams and the letters. It would make interesting reading. But I find it difficult to sit many hours at the machine and I have so far not been able to get a competent secretary who could give me a few days a week! I am fortunate in having Millie Desser whom you will remember as a little girl but who is now a full-pledged young lady only with more sense than the average is. I only wish I could employ her. She works for one of the worst exploiters in town. However, she is with me now taking this letter and also a report I have prepared for our European papers and those published in America. I also wish I could send you copies of the letters from the comrades in the concentration in France. But they are in German and I cannot afford the time to copy them. Anyway, it was all so wonderful to be remembered by comrades from all parts of the world and those who live on the American Continent.

Of course, you can shorten the report if you find it necessary. But I am rather keen that the names of the Jewish comrades in this city should remain. In view of the fact that some of them are unemployed for a long time and others work bitter hard to make ends meet the Toronto comrades have really outdone themselves in fine spirit for my 70th Anniversay. I would also like the other names to remain. As I said you can make it shorter to fit in whatever space you have in the Freie Arbeiter Stimme. Under separate cover I will send to Freedom copies of a folder that has been gotten out by Cook and Jaffe in Los Angeles. I will have him distribute it among the comrades in the office of the F. A. S.

Give my affectionate greetings to Johanna. Fraternal greetings to all the comrades. With my old and ever young love from the young, old lady.

Emma Goldman

I must make special mention of Mark's long hard work and beautiful rendering of a beautiful Jewish poem. Dear Mark be sure to mention this.

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Dear, dear Leon. Thank you so much for your birthday greetings and the wonderful flowers. You will see by the inclosures that you were in good company among all the cables, letters and wires sent me by the comrades from so many parts of the world. I was deeply moved with it all. The evening we had, a sort of banquet, without the drinks was also most pleasant because of the real harmony that prevailed among the comrades on that occasion. I wish I could say it for all the time, but the friction here between the groups is most ~~winter~~ painful to me. I have tried to bring them together, but so far without success.

My dear, if and when Bebsie will motor here I will let them know that you want them to stop over, but you do not seem to know the tragic fact that Moe is minus one leg and is suffering from heart trouble. I am not so sure he will be able to stand the trip at all. We will see.

Dear, dear Leon, I hope you can come over soon. It seems so awful to be so near and yet so far. I have a beautiful little Apt, much nicer than I ever had in Canada. I could put you up if only you can get here. So you must try very hard to get some kind of a piece of paper.

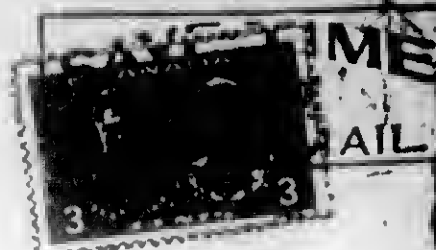
With my old affections.

Emma

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July 3, 1939

My dear Emma and C. V. Cook:

I was very happy today to get from Los Angeles a number of copies of 70th birthday ~~commemorative~~ commemorative edition. I think it is a first-class pamphlet, and the reprinting of the newspaper articles about E.G. was fine. It does my heart good to know that it is as easy for E. G. to get publicity as it was 30 years ago when I helped. Yes, Emma and C. V., "my own shall come to me," and Goethe's "Man that wills moulds this world to suit himself." I remember all the splendid meetings that C.V. helped to arrange, especially those fine meetings in the church at Seattle. Some of the best meetings we ever had were arranged by C.V.

Dear Mommy, I am enclosing you a copy of some very interesting correspondence. A great many pregnant women have come to me and I have given them similar advice. This afternoon a young man and his wife came in with their 4 year old boy, a lovely healthy specimen. I treated the man for syphilis about 10 years ago and I told him he was cured. When his wife became pregnant they were worried lest the baby have syphilis, but I encouraged them to have the child and they are so happy now.

Funny old world, we went to jail for birth control, and I think that Emma Goldman did as much for birth control as anybody in America, although Margaret Sanger demanded the credit and took the glory. But in these 10 years I've been in Chicago I've encouraged a great many women to have children, and I think that most of them are glad for it. In spite of the poverty and the depression and the threats of war, I am convinced that babies are essential for a completed life for many women.

C.V., the little boy Brutus whom you may remember is now 21 and just graduated from the University of Chicago. I have a new baby, born when I was 59. Her name is Mecca, a beautiful, happy, intelligent child, who has been attending the University of Chicago. My first daughter, Helen - Brutus and Mecca have been such a joy to me. Mecca and the baby's mother, Marina, are now in Texas.

Well, tomorrow is the 4th of July. Is it 23 or 24 years ago since the "Mooney bomb explosion?" And Mooney's out, but J. B. MacNamara and Schmitt are in. I wonder why Tom Mooney doesn't try to help them get out? Tom's going to lecture in Chicago soon and I'm going to ask him.

Well, Cook, how is everything? How is Sprading? And how's our old friend Sadie? I'm hoping to get to California this summer to see the Fair. Mother, who is 80 years old, is so anxious to go there.

Dear E. G., I expect to see you this week. Have been trying to get into a creative mood, so I'll be able to take copious notes. But I feel dull and uninspired.

With love and good wishes to my old friends.

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Toronto July 5th 39

Dear Vero, I am sending a check to Ethel Mannin for our Spanish comrades and I am also adding \$5.50 for the hundred pamphlets I have received. If you are willing to furnish me couple of hundred copies on consignment you can give them to Barr who is to ship the rest of the literature I left and the Albums to me by freight. The reason I said consignment is that I do not yet know whether the proposed tour through Western Canada will materialize or not. If it does it will be easy to sell many of the THREE YEARS, if not I would have to return the unsold copies. So far I have used the pamphlet to be sent out free of charge as a propaganda means. I have used up sixty of these you have sent to the Libertarian group and I will use the largest part of the hundred you sent me for free distribution. We are sending them to various trade unions and to some of the university people. You have no idea how great is the ignorance and the prejudice against us here and against our Spanish comrades.

I wrote you in my last letter that I do not get REVOLT directly. I have to wait until Dorothy G. brings it. Don't you think this rather unkind? Surely I have done enough for the paper to deserve getting it sent? I am surprised.

I am including a rough report of the wonderful tokens of comradeship, love and friendship I have received for my 70th anniversary. Oddly enough the only comrades who either knew ~~something~~ nothing about it, forgot it, or ignored it were those in London. So much for their appreciation of my life and work after years of strenuous efforts to help them in their work in England. Not that it matters, except to show how utterly indifferent, callous and unappreciated the few pseudo anarchists in England are. No wonder I suffered so heavily all the time I struggled in England. Now, if you care to use part of the report in REVOLT, or do you have nothing more to say in the paper, you can do so, also the wonderful greeting from the Spanish Libertarian movement signed by poor Vasquez a few days before his untimely and perfectly senseless death.

I had a letter from Mrs. Berneri and one by her younger daughter about the conditions of the Italian refugees. I am seeing some of the Italian comrades here to night and if they can raise some money I will add a little of my own and send it to her. I feel for all the refugees, but it is almost impossible to raise money now when all meetings had to stop owing to the excessive heat. Once I begin my tour I hope to raise quite a bit of money for all our comrades in the rotten French camps.

Do write a line, please. Now you will have more time.

Love to Marie Louis, and to you though you do not deserve it.

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July 7th 39.

Dearest, own Fitz. I have a moment so I want to answer your last letter of the fifth. I have been thinking of you and your job. Funny, never before did I pay so much attention to everything written about the W.P.A though I knew how many ~~arrrr~~ were dependent upon its continuation. But when your position became so shaky I have swallowed every word in the press about this organisation. We none of us can escape ~~the~~ anxiety about those we love, can we? And I certainly love you. ~~and~~ I hope even if you lose this job you will get something else soon. It is a puzzle to me that one who had so many contacts and helped others so much should find it hard to get a footing in sure grounds. Well, perhaps you will dearest. Meanwhile please accept the inclosed check for \$100. What do you mean I should not share with you? Have you not always aided me. Why, even the fund for my birthday would never have come about but for you. Sure you will pay it back with interests in the form of your ever abiding love. And that is worth more than money in a world where hate is the order of the day.

About Emmy, it is a sad case and a sordid one while she was alive. I cannot understand Nellie for writing Arthur of all stricken people, about E's funeral. Heavens the Frenchman lavished money on Emmy, five thousand a month for five or six months in the hospital, flowers and gifts and what not. He was going to buy her a villa if only she would recover. Surely the man would not have just dropped her dead body. It was preposterous for Nellie to fret about the last service to Emmy. Men are certainly strange critters as you and I know so well. Everybody had always wondered how Emmy could have attracted Sasha, and now too, people I know could not get over the fact that she had attracted her Frenchman who fairly lavished his money on her. Between you and me I was always certain that E. was not capable of love though she probably cared for Sasha in a way though not as he, poor soul, thought. She was too selfcenteted, too egotistic to care for anybody outside of herself. As to the Frenchman she probably got him for his money, and she succeeded until the end and after. The crazy girl must have thought I would object to her being kept after all her violent assurance that she never could love anyone else. I cannot imagine any other reason why she kept the fact from me cheerfully accepting five hundred francs. It was a paltry sum I admit, and with her supporter of very small importance to Emmy. But it was a lot for me to send her over a period of three years. In addition also \$75 I rushed to Nice when I learned about four months ago that she was at the end. That broke the camels back. I could not get myself to send more. I felt I was depriving the unfortunate Spanish refugees, men women and children, especially children who were starving and dying by the score. Well, it is a closed book, the story of Emmys entry into my life. No matter what I did she hated me and she poisoned Sashas life against me though he fought loyally for my integrity. Its closed for good and all.

Darling, I suppose St Louis could not raise any more than the \$25 Ben sent. You know yourself that Ben had always been the largest contributor. This time he was too broke and the others also must be poor. I too expected Chicago to do better than the \$58 from the group and \$25 from a mutual friend of Leannes and mine.

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Evidently Jeanne did not approach anybody because she always raises a lot from her friends for all sorts of purposes. There is a reason for her not asking for money for me again because it was Jeanne who had raised \$200 for my Canadian trip. I suppose she felt she could not burden her friends ~~again~~ for me again. I am just as pleased because I certainly mean to get her to help me with my new scheme The E.G. Spanish Relief Fund. I know it will be easier for Jeanne to ask for this than for me.

Since I wrote you last Los Angeles sent \$70, one dollar for each year. I think that was fine. All, in all our comrades and friends showed a beautiful spirit, really I had not expected so much. The question now is how to acknowledge all the cables, wire letters and contribution. I have no one to do my typing. I would engage a competent typist for a week. It looks cheap to send carbon copies to people, and original letters will take me more than a month. When I was here before I had an half dozen stenographers and they would never take pay. I have tried one or two girls out of the commercial schools, they were impossible for my lingo and slow as misery. I thought of a mimeographed letter with space open for the amount contributed and the individual names. Do you think that will be adequate and not cheap? Drop me a card please. Of course I could still write such people as Ziborg, or Margaret de Silver and several others. Then have a letter so worded it would fit everybody's case.

Ben R. was to arrive this morning. So I got up at six o'clock and cleaned my apartment. It is about 3.30 P.M. he is not yet here. I suppose he will come. What tricks ~~future~~ fate plays us. There was a time when Ben's arrival made me tremble in every nerve and count the seconds though I knew that each reunion broadened the breach. Now it is so immaterial as if I had never been bound by him, or rather my passion for him. Naturally I will entertain him the best I know how though I hope he can afford a hotel for a few days. I really would rather not have Ben in close proximity. The dead is buried and no one can resurrect it. Well, I will see. One thing is certain he has not changed in the least as the copies of his letters he writes will show you. A strange mixture this Ben.

I will write Mark Epstein, I simply could not make out his name. I wrote him about the \$20 which I thought Harry Kelly should really get since it is the profit of the testimonial for him.

Darling any time you can come I will receive you with open arms and press you to my loving heart. Give my affectionate greetings to Cora. I hope to write Pauline this afternoon. It was grand of H.W. not only to contribute \$25 but also to subscribe to the Daily and Sunday Times for me. Some people remain staunch for life. H.W. is one.

Devotedly.

Emma

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New York, N.Y. 10010

Dear Comrades.

It is only now that I am able to answer all the cables
wires and letters I have received for my 70th anniversary. Also
the good friends who have remembered me with gifts. I see by your
the list sent me by my good friend Harry ^{Weinberger} ~~Wally~~ that you are among
the comrades and personal friends who have also contributed. I
therefore take the occasion to acknowledge both your wire and the
gift. I appreciate deeply the comradely spirit demonstrated by so ~~man~~
many in America who have remembered me so kindly. I have been away
so long I did not expect my friends would still be thoughtful. The
usual way is "out of sight out of heart". But you and others have
proven ~~that~~ the exception to this rule. Thank you for it, dear com
rades. X

I am inclosing a small token of my appreciation, a folder the
comrades in Los Angeles have gotten out, and a copy of the wonderful
tribute I have received from one of the ablest Spanish comrades
who was general secretary of the National Confederation of Labor.
He unfortunately met with death by drowning after the danger he had
gone through in Spain. I received the sad news on the 27th of June
the day of my anniversary. Needless to say it helped to mar the day
which otherwise would have been among the most perfect of my life.

I am stationed in this city indefinitely. Should you come
this way I would be delighted to see you again.

Fraternally

Emma Goldman

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Herbert Read!

7.11.39

Dear Emma,

This is just a brief note to say that I have at once taken up the case of Bartolletti. I have written an article which I have sent to the New Statesman, because in the circumstances I think that is about the most likely paper to publish it. When it is published there or elsewhere I can write shorter letters to papers like the Manchester Guardian referring to the article for fuller particulars.

Meanwhile keep me posted with developments. I had better know the name and address of the counsel for defence, in case I am questioned and have to refer to his authority. I may be able to get a question asked in Parliament, but I must have all the details at hand. The counsel's statement which you sent me is very clear, but you know how official people always want names and addresses.

So far the war has left me stranded, but not in any acute discomfort. Peggy Guggenheim has postponed the scheme for a museum of modern art indefinitely, but meanwhile she is paying me a salary, as she was bound to by agreement. I have plenty to occupy me in the literary and publishing way, but it means I don't get up to London very frequently, and as a result I haven't seen anything of V.R. and Marie Louise. But they are getting a paper of some kind going. They asked me for a contribution on the war situation, which I sent them, but evidently it didn't meet with their approval. They say they are going to print it and then "answer" it. But so far they don't make it clear where we diverge. I refuse to take up a "stop the war at any price" attitude, because I think that will merely play into the hands of Hitler, and even lead to a combination of Nazis and the capitalists in this country. I said: no active support of the war, but no active opposition. That would be merely playing the communist's game. Our duty is to watch and wait for the right moment for revolutionary action. That moment is much more likely to come with a prolongation of the war than with any kind of imperialist compromise such as would be involved by a peace at the present moment. I can't see anything wrong in this attitude, and wait with some curiosity to see why the group in London disagree with me.

It seems to me that some of our friends are still too trustful of Stalin. They are prepared to forgive and forget too much.

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I have persuaded Routledge to open negotiations for Ciliga's book, and hope it will now go through. They (Routledges) have taken over the Labour Book Service, which is a book club run for the benefit of the Labour Party and T.U.C., and I shall probably be their representative on the selection committee. This may prove to be a point of vantage from which I can influence things a little in our direction.

I think about the best thing thrown up by the war so far is the statement of the Working Committee of the Indian congress. There is a pamphlet on "War Aims" by G.D.H. Cole published by the New Statesman which, in spite of its academic outlook, seems to me to be far more realistic than anything produced by the Communists.

I gave M.L. your message and begged her to write to you; I hope by now you have heard from her.

I will send you anything I get into print about the Bartolletti affair. Meanwhile all good wishes.

Affectionately

W.R.

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July 13th 39

Dearest Rose. I am about my firends coming to me from Amaerica as the Russian peasnt about drink. He said to drink I die and not to drink I die, so it is better to drink and die. If I do not see my friends for a long time I feel like dying and if I do and they come only for a moment I also feel like dying. Really, you cannot imagine how dessolute I feel when a friend comes and then rushes away. I feel like weeping when your car rolled off. I must say it was a shame to come only for a few hours, still I would not have missed seeing you and Powers for anything.

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Listen darling, I meant it very seriously when I asked if you will come here for the affair that is being arranged to ~~celebr~~ celebrate my fifty years in our movement. We are to have it Sept. 22. a Friday instead of the 16th and there is a ~~diffinate~~ idea that if your coming could be announced it would rouse the Jewish organizations to participate and thus make the affair a great success. Also it would help me to establish the permanent B.G. Spanish Relief Testimonial. Please Rose do not turn down the invitation. Surely you can arrange to come here for a day if you cannot remain over the week end. The 22nd gives you plenty of time to attend to whatever other engagements you have in Sept. I absolutely depend on you to consent and to write me by return mail that you will. The comrades here want to start rather early to ~~ax~~ make preliminary annoucement and sell tickets. It is to be a banquet and dance and only \$1 will be charged.

Harry Kelly is here and he promises to start the ball arolling for a similar affair in New York for some other date than the 22nd, and I talked to Harry W. over the phone he also promised to participate to organize a big affair. You will therefore be able to attend both here and in New Yok and maybe you can also do something in Boston.

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Please let me know the details of making a ~~clerk~~ of a 15 minutes speech that can be used ~~ax~~ in every city where the fiftieth anniversary will be remembered by dinners ect. I have not the faintest notion how to go about it. So you had better give me all particulars. Roger Baldwin was to see the Broadcasting people yesterday. I am awaiting his answer in re my speaking over the air, if it comes off.

Send me Powers address, please and write me by return mail that you will be with us here Sept 22nd.

With love.

Emma

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July 15th 39

My dearest Liza, Don't think for a moment I have forgotten the meaning to you and all of us who were fond of Simon of the 18th of this month. I had fully intended to write you long in advance so as to reach you on that day, but I had visitors from New York just about the time I could have written and it was impossible to find a minute alone to do anything else except entertain the friends who arrived for a visit. Not only did I not get a chance to write you but I had not a moment to begin answering the numerous cables, wires and letters I had received on the 27th of June. Yours darling was among them. Fancy you spending over 6 shilling for a cable. You are an extravagant lady, but lovable just the same. Really, darling your cable moved me deeply because you were the only one who cabled from England and who wrote, except Ruth Prothero, and Ilse who also sent birthday greetings. Think of slaving and drudging in England for years and to have left no impression or no friends who cared enough to remember my 70th anniversary. If nothing else this proved to me how little I have accomplished in England. Not even Ethel sent a word, none of the so called comrades, neither Doris Zuck, or Sonia. In short no one. Last week I received a letter from Zuckerman. It was a belated but a very beautiful greeting. If I can get copies made of his letter I will send it to you.

However, what England lacked America and even Canada made up. I received forty five cables and wires, from France, Holland and Sweden, from every important town in America. This included not only my immediate comrades, but also a number of Jewish Labour organizations and many, many friends. I also received nearly \$900 in gifts. The comrades here arranged two affairs, one was done by my old friend Esther Ladd, she had a beautiful garden party. Then the Ithine, Jewish and English speaking groups arranged a dinner, fairly showered me with roses and all sorts of personal gifts. Altogether the 27th night have been the most cloudless day in many years. But it was not to be that entirely. On that date I received the frightful news that Mariano R. Vazquez, general secret. of the CNT lost his life by drowning. Life is indeed senseless and wasteful. Here was a man who had faced more dangers in his young life, he was only 32, than any hundred men yet he had to lose it by drowning. You can imagine how I felt.

However there is no brooding for long the loss of one we care much about. Life has its demands and we must follow them. So now I have started another anniversary my fifty years in the Anarchist ranks which falls on the 15th of Aug. this year. I have suggested to my comrades in the States and here to organize dinners for the purpose of creating an Emma Goldman Spanish Relief Testimonial. In this city it will take place on the 22nd of Sept. The comrades and friends in New York are also planning their affair for Sept, so will Detroit, Chicago, possibly Philadelphia and Boston have it. It will all go to pay our Spaniards to go to Mexico, Chile or to what ever country that will have them. Can you imagine a worthier way of celebrating my fifty years activity for my ideal?

Dearest I have at last seen you, brother and sister-in-law. I phoned them several times during the day and then recollected that your sister-in-law had told me she is in business

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and away from home during the day. I then called her one evening and arranged for them to come to me the same week which they did. They both seem to look alright except that your brother-in-law has grown older of course and heavier. But then I have not seen him since 1927. Of course they asked me all about you, how you live and what you are doing. Naturally I told them you are not sleeping on a bed of roses but you have a way of making it appear as if you were. It seems that your sister-in-law did not have to be told many nice things about you. She told me what a gracious and wonderful person you are. So we immediately struck up a fellow feeling, and the rest was easy. They invited me to come to their restaurant, I told them you had spoiled me and their food would have to be especially good to compare with yours. However I promised to come down some day.

I had a beautiful letter to the 27th of Lubia. The sweet child put my English comrades and friends to shame. For she did not forget her letter made me feel warm all over. I have not yet answered it but I will soon. And I will also send her a set of the same incl osures as are contained here. The report and the letters will tell you all about my 70th anniversary. In case you no longer get the Freie Arb. Stimme I am also sending you a copy that contains M.R.'s wonderful tribute to me and two other articles the same number contained. Also the beautiful and moving tribute to me by my Spanish comrade. It was signed by Vazquez only a week before his terrible end. Lastly I am sending under separate cover another article by Krivitzky and several folders. Of the latter please give one to Zuckerman, to the Mazovers with my best greetings, also to the Mowshov and any of the other people you may wish to show the folder.

So far my visitors consisted of my sister, Allen my oldest brother's son, he was with me two weeks, a lovely and beautiful boy. My sister could not remain longer than four days. Then for a half day I had Rose Pesotta from the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, and not I have Harry Keady, Sonia's mother Rochelle, and another woman comrade from New York. Then the first visitors were Jeanne and Jay Levey. They brought me two summer dresses and while they were here they bought up a whole stock of provisions for me. So you see my dear American friends have remained devoted.

Ian has returned home with a bride. I have not yet heard from him, much less seen him or his bride. I hope she is the right one for him and that he will be happy. The last letter from Teddy about Stella indicates that she is making headway, but hardly perceptible. And now another two weeks have passed and I have heard nothing.

Dearest, dearest why wish to celebrate my 80th anniversary. I have already reached a high age, one should not be greedy especially about life that is 9/10 misery and only a fraction of joy.

I keep thinking about you whether you are having some outings or what you are doing. Here we had little summer so far. And I have not gone anywhere. I must first answer all the people who have been so generous with their wishes for the 70th birthday. Then I may go to one of the many lakes here for a week. It is already a holiday for me when my people come from America.

With my abiding love.

Emma

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Melrose 2221.

295 vaughan Road,
Toronto, Ontario.
July 17th, 1 39.

Mr. Karl van vechten,
101 Central Park W.,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Karl van vechten:

Our mutual Harry Weinberger sent me the list of names of my friends who have contributed towards the gaiety of nations. Not the nations today are very gay - on the contrary they are so glum they have turned the bluest of skies into bleekness. But you and I have looked behind the scenes - we know that the nations are playing their part in order to deceive the others and at the same time to get not only the applause of the world but also the fattest slices they can grab.

I was very glad to see your name among those who remembered me on my 70th Anniversary and I thank you heartily for it. I don't know how you feel but I find the older one gets the more difficult it is to make new friends and the more avid one is to keep the old ones. You having remained staunch I am happy to know that you are among those whose friendship has never waived.

I am stationed in Canada indefinitely so very near my erstwhile country and yet so far away. Of course you know the story about the mountain and the profit. In my case I fear the mountain will not get to the profit. Is there any chance of your wending your way to Toronto. If ever you do, do not pass me by - I want very much to see you again and talk about the things that were and are and that will probably will never be again.

Cordially,

Emma Goldman

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295 vaughan Road,
Toronto, Ontario.
July 17th, 1939.

Mr. Benjamin W. Huebsch,
Viking Press,
18 E. 48th Street,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Benjamin Huebsch:

Our mutual friend Harry Weinberger sent me the list of contributors to my 70th Anniversary. I was very pleasantly surprised indeed to find your name among the others. No, not only because of your contribution much as I appreciate it -- it was more so because of the fact that you still think of me in a kindly spirit. Years ago when we were both younger and less patient, I was given to understand that you had cast me off because of my attitude to Soviet Russia. And not having heard from you during all the years, I concluded that you continued to harbour resentment against me for the taking the stand now recognized to have been correct by quite a number of people who formerly had nothing but hate for me. To see that you yourself have undergone a change or you would not have remembered me on the occasion of my seventy years in this rotten world of ours. I am, therefore, delighted and very grateful indeed that your feelings towards me have undergone a change.

As my chances of returning to the States are very slender, I can only hope that you may be coming to Canada. Should this happen, please do not pass me by. I will be delighted to see you again after so many years.

Sincerely,

Emma Goldman

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July 17, 1939

E. G. Colton
295 Vaughan Road
Toronto, Ontario

Dear Emma,

We felt as you did when our car rolled away from your cozy little place on Vaughan Road, but you remember that I am a working woman who carries a responsibility to the people in Boston and you will also recall that I had to drive a day and night to see you and a day and night returning home; but still I do not regret having spent a few hours with you.

You can positively announce me to be present on Friday, September 22nd at the affair. I shall come even if I have to take an airplane to Toronto for the occasion. Besides, the cause, I also want to be present at the testimonial. Fifty years of active service in the movement is a life time for anyone who lives through the tumultuous life as you do, having spent one half of your life time on this continent, being present in the early stages in Russia and during the civil war in Spain. It should be an honor to anyone to attend such a testimonial. Let the comrades go on announcing and you could also send in the news to Montreal to the Daily Eagle. The editor is a friend of mine and I am sure he will give you publicity.

I am writing a letter to our Educational Department to get all the information about a record and will ask them to give me the place where I could make contact. I hope Roger Baldwin will succeed in arranging a broadcast for you.

Powers Hapgood's address is Hotel Lafayette, Washington, D. C. put on the envelope held for arrival, as he travels and gets his mail in Washington. I note in today's P.A.S. that we lost our dear friend Michael Cohen. He seemed to be in such fine health when I saw him last. The place where he lived in Southern California was really ideal to enjoy a long life. I wonder whether his memoirs which he started to write are complete. I must close now, Emma dear, I have a meeting soon. Give my love to all.

Rose

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Paris July 18th 1939.

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Dearest Emotokha,

Received your letter of June 21st. I never knew that Santillan circunized your letter to Vasquez in the Camps, he never spoke to me about it. It is too bad you didn't indicate that you don't want it to be made public. As far as I know Santillan he didn't want to do something against your will, he loves and respects you too much. He is now on his way to St. Domingo. In a few days, he and Elisa will be in New York where they will remain one month to arrange different things. He has lots of plans, namely: to create colonies in St. Domingo where the authorities seem to favor such project. But you understand what sums of money are necessary to get the comrades over and to create for them the possibilities of work, shelter etc. etc. He works on these plans independently and has nothing to do with the SERE.

You ask what part he and the FAI have in getting our people to Mexico. Dearest, all I know is that: even those of our comrades who are fortunate enough to be taken out of the camps because they are on the list to leave for Mexico with such and such a ship, even those are now in different parts of France getting mad with the anxiety to leave, waiting waiting..... only to be told afterwards that: they "are not wanted" by Mexico!! And now just one example Francisco Fortosa was taken out by the end of MAY from the Concentration Camp of Argelès Sur Mer because he was listed to leave from Bordeaux - May 26th 1939 for Mexico. On the 16th of July we received a letter from him that he is not to leave and that he does not know what will become of him!!!!.....

The clothes you sent (two sacs) came and brought a lot of joy to some of our comrades. I am enclosing a receipt from which you will see that out of the two sacs we made 9 packages. Thank you Emotokha and thanks to our good comrades who contributed these clothes.

In a few days, I will mail you an account of the money I received for the Spanish comrades, how it was spent, and copies of some of their letters. These letters can be used in our press as well as for private circulation. They speak for themselves and often produce a more favorable impression on the reader than an appeal made by an outsider.

Now about Augustine. I am sorry to note that you misunderstood me. I simply explained to you that when Michaelis came to ask Aug. for various things which the German comrades in Gurs needed (because you wrote us that you sent him some money for the German comrades), Augustine took out 50 francs and gave him saying: "here, is some money buy them what they need". This amount being ridiculously small, I saw myself obliged to give him (Michaelis) some money which you sent me for the Spanish comrades so that he could buy the boys in the camp ~~what~~ the things they needed. As I generally use the money sent to me for the refugees exactly as is indicated by the sender, I explained to you why a part of the 24 dollars went to the Germans. That is all. I never for a moment meant to accuse Augustine that he takes the money for himself! Augustine is terribly stingy-- but at the same time honest itself, and I deeply regret the misunderstanding which ought to be cleared up now.

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Please find my letter and read it again. You will see that you made a mistake. That while I explained to you the reason why I spent 124 francs for the German comrades in the camp from the 24 dollars (which was for the Spaniards), I did not say anything which could be interpreted as an accusation against Augustine. None of us ever doubted the honesty of Augustine in money matters, and I am very anxious to straighten out this misunderstanding. All of us who happen to know Augustine have often been forced to admit that he can be very small (trivial) but nobody ever accused him of being dishonest, and far was from me to ever have such a thought.

So far, Michel did not get the visa to Chili. The comrades in Chili did everything necessary and they wrote him that he will be given the visa here, but whenever he comes to the Chili delegation the answer is always the same: "nothing here for you"...

He is very depressed of late. The Spanish SIA is liquidated. It is the C.G.T.S.R. which pays out 10 frs a day to the refugees. But lately, there is talk that this will also be stopped soon because of lack of money.

Fortunately, you sent him a bit of help. But of this "reserve" as he calls it, he only has a few francs left.... Since he is here, he succeeded in uniting all the German comrades in one group and they are now doing good work. He seems to have a very good capacity for organization work. In general he is a fine fellow in every sense of the word and it hurts to see him in his present condition. We have him with us very often, but soon we shall leave Paris (August 21st) for a month and if his situation does not change by then, I mean: if he isn't given the possibility to leave, he will be still worse off than he is now. Senya was trying very much to help him in getting the visa, but so far, there are no results.

As to my state of health, it is somewhat better now, to get rid of Hay fever, one must go to the sea, but this is impossible for me at present. This is the hardest time of the year for Senya and I cannot leave him to himself, farther more, I have lots of work which must be finished before I go anywhere.

Well, dearest, in a few days, I shall write you again. Willitchka told me that you had a grand birthday this time and we are very happy about it. We embrace you both and hope to hear from you soon. Lots of love from Michaelis, Mercedes, Lobo and the whole family.

M.S.

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295 Vaughan Road,
Toronto, Ontario.
July 19th, 1939.

Dear Don,

It is a nice thing for two old friends to reach each other by proxy. Perhaps you did not know that I was on the American continent although a number of people in New York knew it and I thought would bring the glad tidings to you. Naturally I hoped I might hear from you. Yesterday I received a letter from a very dear friend of mine in Chicago Jeanne Levy. She had evidently received the report from her husband who is supposed to have approached you together with Eugene Lyons in my behalf. She writes that you expressed willingness to see the right party in Washington in re my possible viza. It is never quite satisfactory such information in a round about way. I am therefore writing you to ask that you get in touch with me direct and tell me what you think of the whole project. Please do it soon.

While I haven't heard from you for years I have followed your fortunes more or less especially the trouble you are having with the vicious followers of Moscow. I was especially amused to see the gentry of the new masses discredit the articles by Krivitzki partly because you have translated them and also because K. was none other than a Jew. What a rotten lot they are to use the same methods as Hitler in blaming everything on Jews. As if it matters who or what the author of the articles in the Saturday Evening Post is. The main thing to any sane people would be whether or no the articles told facts and there is no doubt in my mind that Krivitzki is well informed. I am particularly sure of it as regards Stalin's hand in Spain. I've gone over the ground three years in succession and I know it that the man spoke the truth. In point of fact he did not tell enough. I have quite a lot of material smuggled out from Spain on my last visit in 1938 that damns the satrap for the rest of their lives. But what will you. No matter how authentic the facts are, they will not convince people who are zealots and absolutely unwilling to admit charges which in their injustice cry to the very heavens.

Please write me and tell me about yourself how you have been getting along. Tis a long time since I've heard from you. You should not permit more time to come between us.

Cordially,

Emma Goldman

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Malrose 2221.

295 Vaughan Road,
Toronto, Ontario.
July 19th, 1939.

Mr. Stewart Kerr,
Roxbury, Conn.

Dear Stewart,

I see by the list of names sent me by Harry Weinberger that you added your name to the gift for my 70th anniversary. It is needless for me to say that I am grateful. One in my age finds it difficult to make new friends and therefore thinks gratefully to the old ones I have been able to keep all through the years. You have been among the most faithful showing your thoughts of me and your friendship in ever so many ways. You have no idea how much it has meant to me through my years of exile, struggle and stress - so expression of thanks in words mean very little. I know that you need not be assured about my feelings as to you and our friendship. It is a long time since you have written me and yet I would like to know how you are getting on. Now that I am so near the United States, the distance seems much farther than when I was in England. My one hope is that my old friends in America will be able to pay me a visit. Harry Kelly, Minna Lowensohn and another comrade were here last weekend. They brought a whiff of my old life in America. Now I wish you too could come as you did in 1926 when I arrived in Montreal. Is that impossible? Let me hear from you and tell me all about yourself.

With my old affections,

Emma

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July 19th 39

Dearest Rose,

No greater love hath any friend than to travel almost three days to see me for a few hours. Darling you have no idea how much that meant to me. Surely you did not think I was complaining. I was too happy to have you but of course one grows greedy with age. I wanted you for longer my honey.

We had a meeting last night to make definite arrangements for the banquet and concert. The comrades were elated that you have promised to be with us on the 22nd. Unfortunately there is a hitch about the date. It happens that the Jewish Holidays, Roshashona and Yom-Kippur fall between the 10th and the latter part of September. You know the kind of a 'goy' I am - I didn't know anything about this until Julia Seltzer told me to better make sure. I had the satisfaction to know that all the other Jews present also did not know the date of the holidays but we made sure by calling the Jewish papers. Anyway we cannot have our affair during Roshashona and Yom-Kippur - so we have decided on the 30th of September - Saturday. I hope and pray that you will be free to come as we depend on your presence for the success of the affair. Please write me as soon as possible because we want to get up the tickets so that the comrades can canvass the unions. So please do not delay in replying.

It will be great if you will succeed with your international educational group to enable me to make a record of our fifteen minute's talk. I've heard nothing again from Roger although the conference of the broadcasting people has taken place. I therefore have no idea whether he approached them or not or with what results. If I do not hear from him by next week, I will write him again. He seems to be peeved if you express the least doubt in his promises. He was most emphatic in his last letter saying that he never forgets and that he always keeps his promise, so we must give him the benefit of the doubt.

Thank you for the address of Powers - I will write him when I am less rushed. You will be glad to know that the concert we are planning in connection with the banquet promises to be a very fine affair. We already have two outstanding artists and we hope to get one or two more. The music will be rendered together with the speeches between the courses of the dinner, so you must not fail to come. A letter from Jeanne Levy tells me that she will organize a dinner in Chicago and of course there will be one in New York, but they will not conflict with each other.

With love,

Emma

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Melrose 2221.

295 Vaughan Road,
Toronto, Ontario.
July 20th, 1939.

Dear Old Friend,

I wrote you about ten days ago expressing my thanks for your birthday greeting by wire and contribution of the United Hebrew Trades unions. You have no doubt received that letter. Today a letter from my good old friend Harry Weinberger reached me with the names of the three organizations who contributed to the general gift to my anniversary. In the letter you wrote him you have also expressed the wish of all the friends and comrades for a "Happy Birthday" and the many years of good life for which he has always striven." I can't tell you how stirred all the greetings and gifts has made me and how deeply appreciative I am of their fine spirits and the action which followed their thought.

I realize miracles do not happen in our time - so I'm not expecting the miracle to be able to re-enter the United States. But if it should take place, I will want to express my thanks in person to you and all the organizations as well as individuals who have shown their solidarity. Meanwhile you ought to take a trip up this way and pay me a visit. Some of my friends in the past used to say that if I will not be remembered by posterity for my activities, I will be for my good cooking and coffee, so why not come and convince yourself whether the friends were right or wrong.

Fraternally,

Emma Goldman

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291, Victoria Road,
Toronto, Ontario.
July 20th, 1939.

Arthur Leonard Ross,
1 Cedar Street,
New York City, N. Y.

dear dear Arthur:

So long a time has passed since you had written that I began to think that you may have cast me out. Great news, therefore, my delight to find your name on the list Harry Silberberger sent me of the good friends who remembered my 70th Anniversary with some gifts. It was lovely of all of them to show such fine spirit but I was particularly impressed by yours because I know what a struggle you have been having for a number of years. You have done so much for me in the past that you will always remain enshrined in my heart and in my thoughts. For this very reason I find mere thanks banal. You know yourself how deeply I appreciate your friendship and whenever and whatever you contribute to my well being.

I understand that you are very much occupied in behalf of Nellie. What a friend you can be. I have no idea whom or what she is trying to stop from expressing their views on France. You see I continue to be an inveterate believer in the right of opinion. I wouldn't stop anybody no matter what they said or wrote about me but I do not presume to judge the issue without knowing what it is all about.

I wonder how you and your family have been. How is ~~Walter~~ Belle and the boys? I would like to hear from you if you could afford the time to tell me all about yourself and your dear ones. My interest in all of you has by no means changed.

My return to Toronto and establishing myself in a little apartment vividly brought to my mind the visit I had with you in this city - it was a lovely occasion. I wonder whether such a thing could happen again. I would love to see you ~~Walter~~ and in fact, all the members of your family. You know the saying about the profit and the mountain - it does not look very promising of my coming to you, I do not mind at all of your coming to me. Love greetings to your family.

Affectionately,

Emma

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Melrose 2221.

295 Vaughan Road,
Toronto, Ontario.
July 20th, 1939.

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25 E. 21 St., 3rd Flr.
New York, N.Y. 10010

I have just received a letter written by my old friend Morris C. Feinstone sent to another friend of mine to contribute to the gift raised in New York and other cities to my 70th Anniversary. I am very grateful indeed to your organization for the kind thought which prompted your deed. I hope whatever years are still left me in this our not too kindly world, to go on with my work which has brought to my aid so much solidarity and thoughtfulness on the part of a number of organizations as well as individuals.

It happens that I have two birthdays this year - the one on the 15th of August will mark fifty years since my spiritual birth, since I entered the Labour and Libertarian ranks. Friends in different cities have expressed their desire to arrange banquets, not so much for my sake as to use the occasion to create an Emma Goldman Spanish Relief Testimonial. Such a dinner is to take place some times the latter part of September. You will no doubt, be notified, and you will, I hope, represent your organization there. In Toronto, friends of mine are also arranging a banquet and concert for September 30th at which our friend Rose Pesotta will be guest speaker. Thanking you again for your kindness, and with fraternal greetings to all the members of your organization,

Cordially,

THIS LETTER WAS SENT TO:

The Shirt Makers Union,
Butchers' Makers Union,
Beigal Makers' Union and their respective managers and secretaries.

*all contributions mentioned
of 20 in all from the above
unions*

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70 WEST 40TH STREET.
NEW YORK, N. Y.
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July 21, 1939

Mrs. Emma G. Colton
295 Vaughan Road
Toronto, Canada

My dear E. G.

ALL QUIET ALONG THE WEINBERGER FRONT.

I am perfectly healthy. You are wrong if you think I do not consult the best advice, etc. Last year I had two of the best doctors. I refused to be operated and the best one agreed with me.

Under tremendous pressure of hard work I apparently had a gall bladder attack. I had fine medical advice and examinations and in the early part of next week I will have x-rays and other tests. Since staying home and following a careful diet, I have had no further attacks.

Feeling tired evenings, I am therefore going to bed fairly early like a good boy.

I have been feeling very well, which does not mean that I will not complete the x-rays and other examinations. Only last year did I get all the specialists in Mount Sinai to examine each organ but I also had two outside exceptional physicians examine me, fluoroscope me etc. I do not believe in operations but I do take fairly good care of myself.

Since yesterday I said all I had to say about other matters, I am with all best,

Sincerely,

HARRY WEINBERGER

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P. S. Note what you say about B.R. I would agree with you.

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Paris July 23rd 1939.

Dearest good Mamotchka,

We received your letter of July 10th and are very happy to know that a lot of comrades and friends have shown you such a warm attention to your 70th anniversary!

The scheme of establishing a permanent fund -- the Emma Goldman Spanish Relief Fund -- is a very good one and I am certain, it will bring grand results.

I am sending you a List of names to whom the money (which you sent me for the Spanish comrades) was given out. This is just for your private information, as well as for the comrades of the Libertarian Group, but not for publication. Whereas the financial report ~~xxxx~~ and the copies of the letters from the camps, you can use as you see fit: read them at different gatherings, give them to the press, or circulate them in any form you can.

A copy of the material I am sending you, goes at the same time to: Millie Rooker, Rose Pesotta and CHAILENCE. After reading, Millie will give the letters to the F.A.S. they should make use of them.

As you can see from the enclosed clipping, The F.A.S. brought the two letters (copies of which I sent you in one of my former letters to you) from Francisco Tortosa and M.B. Their appearance of these two letters brought very good practical results. The Jewish Club asked me for a List of names and wants to send some help to the Camps. Others also got very interested.

It seems to me that you could give these enclosed material to all those comrades or friends who want to arrange something in behalf of the refugees, it may help them in their propaganda work for our unfortunate comrades.

Darling Mamotchka, we are all very grateful to you for the 75.00 (seventy five dollars) which you said you sent out, our Spaniards and Germans are terribly bad off now and the same holds good for the Italians. Since I made the account, I personally advanced 350 francs on what I might get, and Jeanne Berneri advanced the entire 50.00 so great is need! The money did not arrive yet, I suppose it will be here these days.

The translation into German was done by Michaelis. We thought it will be easier for the comrades to translate from the German than from the Spanish. He is helping me a lot in the work for the refugees, as a matter of fact, I don't know what I would do if it weren't for him.

We all greet and love you, Mamotchka. Lobo, Mercedes and Lara (a splendid comrade who escaped from the camp) are here now and they all ask me to send you their affectionate greetings.

M.S.

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July 24th 39.

Dearest Elia. I was glad of your letter of the 14th inst. It was day for so many years used to be Sasha's monthly birthday on which I always used to send him flowers if within reach of my hand. I believe I failed once in thirty years to remember to do so every month. Then the 18th of May used to be "your day" as he used to say. We always tried to spend it together. The last time was May 18th 1935. But it was poisoned by one of E's many fits. And yet even that day was full of meaning to me. Oh, Fitz darling I cannot tell you how I miss Sasha. He was so much flesh of my flesh and blood of my blood. The loss is so poignant because there was no need for E. to end his life. His case was not incurable, nor would it have happened if I had been near him. Well it is irreparable and there is no use in lamenting what cannot be undone.

Dearest the help I am giving you was made possible only by your efforts. I am quite certain no one else would have carried through the anniversary gift. Much less would anyone have done it in such a tactful manner. So in the last analysis I am merely saying, by far inadequately with you what you had helped to raise. I am happy I could do it and that it will help you to get your teeth in order. Sure you will pay it back when you get a job. If not, it will be in love which you have the capacity to give in such abundance.

About Ben R. and his book on ten years with me. I realize it will be a mess as everything published ~~by~~ under his name. The man never learned to write or to take his time to do it. But the only one who can prevail upon him not to do anything on his new obsession but you. Ben always had a great regard for you and I am sure he still has it. If you would write him to say that my name should not be dragged into the limelight until the matter of my reentry is decided one way or another I am sure Ben will postpone his master piece. Please do it darling. You see my dear I myself being involved in Ben's new mania it is impossible for me to ask him to leave off publicity for the present. But you can easily do it. Please write him.

I confess I entertain very faint hopes that I will be readmitted. The efforts Lyons, Harry and others want to make will probably turn out to be as much a failure as the proposed tour through Western Canada. It was absolutely "sure", some friends of a man I know here, were to organize some lectures. Well, he came back from the West yesterday and he told me that several people in Winnipeg, Calgary and Edmonton would help but they cannot under take the job. In other words, all the expectations I had went up in smoke. I do not know now what I will do. Toronto is hopeless for more than two three meetings during the winter. Montreal is out of the question because of the Fascist padlock imposed on the city. No Hall for love or money. So what? Of course if I could

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 not to let the world care for nothing else. But if not I will be caught like a rat. No possibility of any sort of activities here in the dullness of towns, without even intellectual contacts. And no possibility of doing anything in England. Well, I am not easily discouraged as you know. I am writing Jeanne Levy today to see whether she can help me to carry out what she has promised, devote a month to go to Canada and help organize revolution. She is Edward and I think she could do it, if she can spare the time. I will let you know.

My dear friend, you will find a job. As I wrote Pauline it is unbelievable how one with so many contacts should be unable to find adequate employment. The memory of people one helps is short lived, I know. Still there are some who so much to you its a little for this to help you in some form. If only I had the means to ask you to help me with a tour through Canada I would immediately ask you to come with me on a salary basis for three four months or longer. The fare is so high in this country because of the awful distances. Otherwise I would have enough for both of us. Well, we always wish the impossible.

About the proposed dinner for the fiftieth anniversary. Kelly and Minna L. promised to get busy and Harry promised to help. Will you be able to give some time to the project? I will like a nice affair not something cheap and loud? Please dear tell me when next you write, and if you can help get in touch with Minna please.

Remember me kindly to Cora.

With love.

Emma

Sending my regards to you N.Y. address

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July 24th, 1939.

Dear Comrades of the Frei Arbeiter Stimme:

The report about the many messages of comradeship and affection I have received to my 70th Anniversary was sent to you before the greetings of the Los Angeles reached me. Will you therefore be good enough and bring this note because I should hate very much indeed to have the dear comrades who were among the first to remember me by their activities in my behalf to be neglected.

Primarily it was C.V. Cook and Sadie Cook who not only undertook to arrange a little gathering which a number of comrades, they are also responsible for a beautiful folder which contains quotations from the Toronto, Windsor and Detroit papers of my visit to Windsor during May. Also my message to the comrades in America and Canada and a photograph of myself which makes me appear rather young for a lady of seventy; also a definition of Anarchism. Several thousand copies of this has already been distributed and I have ordered another thousand, so great is the demand. The comrades who were present at the little dinner have contributed to a little gift according to their ability and have therefore joined the list of organizations and individuals who remembered me in a material way. In addition, I also received loving greetings by old American friends, Perry and Bill McCullough and Nellie Terry Craig, Mr. & Mrs. Esther Brill and a lot of others. I am sure that the Rudolph Rocker Publishing group with our comrade Yaffe as the moving spirit the Kropotkin group and all the others participated in the affair and in their greetings. To all of them I extend my deepest appreciation.

Fraternally,

Emma Goldman

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July 25th, 1939.

Dear vero,

I really don't know whether it is not a waste of time to keep writing you when you never take the trouble to reply, not even to business letters as my last was, I cannot redouble your indifference with your interest in spreading our literature especially whatever you publish. I wrote you in my last letter asking whether you can make a special price on the pamphlet Three Years of Spain so that I could give you a large order for my Fall and Winter's work. True, I received the hundred pamphlets I ordered for which I sent \$5.50 to the money order sent to Ethel, but not a word in reply to my letter. I should really not be surprised because you seem to be full of resentment against me for some reason and which your youthful arrogance also charged me of being a dictator. You even expressed the certainty that I am probably dictating from this side of the water. Besides that you also take it upon yourself to say in your letter to Ethel, that I have no right of decision as to her withdrawal from the treasury-ship. My dear young man, ~~however~~ you do not know what you are talking about. If I cared at all to insist on my rights, I would have to write you what I wrote Ethel, that my credential for the London section of the Sia still stands good but it goes without saying that I never want to and never did impose this right on anyone else, least of all on Ethel who has been so fine in all she has done for Sia.

Do you know my dear that your charges of dictatorship against me would make the Gods laugh, for I have met few young comrades in my fifty years who are so rigidly individualistic and high handed in all their actions as you are.

For example -- from the very moment I arrived in London in December, 1936, I demonstrated on every occasion my interest in Spain and the World and my admiration for your work on the paper. Nor was it merely with words that I made you feel my interest in Spain and the World. Not only did I contribute to it myself, but I got your Read and Ethel; I appealed to the American comrades by means of a letter for your paper and I prevailed upon the CMT-Fal to sustain your publication as long as they possibly could. In other words, I took a lively interest in everything that concerned your work. When we worked together in 21 Friar Street, I kept you informed of every undertaking we launched. Now what did you do in return? No sooner did I begin with my appeals for the evacuated women and children when you started with the orphan's fund. Not that I objected to it, but I certainly felt that you should have talked it over with me before your appeal appeared in the paper.

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Mr. Vero Berrehioni

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You collected immense amounts of money from sources which would have supported my work, all of which you dumped on the Masnou colony. I told you when I came back in 1937 that the children of that colony were gorged while other children in ~~that colony~~ were starving and that as Anarchist should believe in equality. You paid not the slightest attention to it, but just went on in your own sweet way. Moreover, you conveniently helped yourself to the orders that came in from the Construction pamphlet which came through our sources and you were indignant when I mentioned the injustice of it. You made use of gas and electricity in 21 Frith Street, never showing solidarity or willingness to share. You simply did everything in a real individualistic way. It was your property and you looked after its interests naturally. How then can you charge me with dictatorial leanings. You saw with your own eyes the struggle I had in arousing interest in getting help and co-operation. Was it my fault if I failed, and must I, therefore, be branded as a dictator because I proceeded to do the work with only the help of Barr. You were free to give your help if you wanted to, but you were absorbed with Spain and the World at the exclusion of everything else. I did not blame you for it because I knew the hardships you were going through. The least I was therefore entitled from you and the people who pass as Anarchists was appreciation what I was doing for the Spanish comrades. But far from getting that, I see by your letter to Ethel, that you ~~make~~ are ~~inductive~~ for no reason that I can explain, and that you charge me with something in that you in your heart ~~is~~ *is not* true.

Wendy D. L. C. C.
However, I have survived similar treatment though I was never charged with dictatorship before from young comrades who have yet to prove their perseverance in our ranks and their abiding worth. So I need not worry particularly of the poor opinion of you, and the others are surrounding you, have about your old comrade. As I wrote Ethel and Ralph, it's all in a day's work and there have ~~been~~ *been* many days in of my fifty years of experience.

Wendy D. L. C. C.
I see that there are frictions over what the unfortunate Spanish refugees are to get or not to receive, especially over the flat in Chalk-Farm. I have written Ralph and Ethel that I am going to see whether I cannot get a half dozen comrades to contribute a \$1.00 a month to make up the rent and other things such as a telephone or whatever else they may need. If I get the money it will be sent to you. As to the ~~Sil~~ and Ethel, I have written her that she is free to decide as she sees fit and to communicate her decision to Lucia. As to the accounts, whatever auditing is wanted, will have to take the place of the monies collected and spent since Ethel definitely became acting honorary treasurer. My responsibilities and obligations were and are to our Spanish comrades and they alone have the right to question anything I might have done with the money while I was in charge. When I was in Barcelona in 1938 I submitted a detailed account to the General Counsel of ~~Sil~~ and to Vaequez for the CNT as well as to ~~Marx~~ Hererra for the ~~FA~~. The comrades accepted the statements and O.K'd them. They evidently had complete confidence in me or they would never have sent me their tribute, copy of which I enclose.--In case you have any doubt



Send me 200 more copies of Red Seeds of Grain

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July 25th, 1939.

Dearest Ethel:

I have your interesting letter of July 14th with the enclosures representing your correspondence with Vero and Ralph, and theirs to you. I am terribly sorry to see that there is friction between Vero and yourself and yet I am not entirely surprised. I have long come to the conclusion that no one really knows himself. I do not exempt myself, but certainly Vero is among the many who hasn't the remotest idea with the very things he ~~remarks~~ *charges* about my "dictatorship" which he was sure, continued even from this side of the water. Now, if there is any one who is so extremely individualistic and high handed in Anarchists ranks, Vero would take the prize. He has demonstrated that to me over and over again in the two and half years he was near me in 21 Frith Street. To give you a few examples, no sooner did I begin with the appeal for the evacuated women and children of Spain, then Mr. Vero appeared in Spain And The World with an appeal for the Spanish orphans. Now, I am not denying his right to do so, but it seemed to me at the time that he should at least tell me about it and not confront me with an accomplished fact in one of the issues of his paper. On the other occasions, he helped himself to some orders for the Reconstruction pamphlet from organizations to which we had sent the pamphlet free at a terrific expense for the printing of the pamphlet and the postage. From the very beginning of my connection with Spain and the World, I not only wrote for it, but persuaded you and Read to contribute articles and reviews. In addition, I prevailed upon the CNT-FAI everytime I went back to Barcelona, to sustain Spain and the World financially. Also I wrote appeals to America for the paper; in short, I did everything to show my solidarity with Vero and my appreciation of his editorship. Whereas he never found it necessary to consult me on anything or to keep me informed of a number of undertakings he carried out. Now, all this is as it should not be among comrades. I, therefore, resent his charge of dictatorship to me when he himself never shared anything with me. Well I am writing him about the matter and I am certainly going to tell him what I think of his ridiculous charge.

However, I really do not mind about Vero's opinion of me. He suffers from the arrogance of youth which presumes to know all, and therefore his little regard of comrades who have stood the test of time for fifty or more years, going through a thousand hells which master Vero has yet to prove. But it does hurt me when you say "a dictatorship was bequeathed to me". You, who know so well, the desperate efforts I made to get people interested in SIA. You know that I attempted to organize groups and spent weeks and months in running after individuals to help us. How can you say that I acted in a dictatorial way and "bequeathed dictatorship" to you. You have seen

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my misery on more than one occasion to believe that I enjoyed handling SIA alone, and you should know how glad I was and how relieved when you consented to act as honorary-treasurer. You say yourself, that "the sponsors merely gave their names and never lifted their finger to do any work." In point of truth, of all the sponsors on our list, only yourself, Stella Churchill and Laurence Hodaman (and the latter only by means of contribution) helped to relieve the burden I carried for two and a half years. I see that in your letter to Ralph I believe, you say that "Reginald, as a sponsor, should have the right to say what should be done with the money of SIA". My dear, I certainly do not want to hurt your feelings, but it is nevertheless true, that Reginald, like the rest of the sponsors, showed absolutely no interest and did nothing to help the work of the SIA. Yes, he helped to send out letters for our concert in 1937 for which I was very grateful indeed, but since then and until I left London, Reginald not only didn't do anything but he seemed to have some kind of a grievance against me, at least his boorish way of meeting me testified to that. It's rather disagreeable to mention this to you my dear, but since I am to stand the charge of having indulged in dictatorship, I feel it is necessary to explain my part in SIA once for all.

You say that you have again decided to "fade out". If that is your real feeling, then I think you ought to do it. After all, it is not just for you to continue in something that has become a burden to you, though I know how graciously and generously you have kept going all this time. I think you had better write to Lucia and tell her of your decision to withdraw from the London section of SIA. Here again I must refer to Vero's arrogance in speaking of the Spanish SL in Paris as "squandering money". I like his impudence! Even if this were true, he would still have no right to say it, in view of the fact that he lived in safety and comfort while our Spanish comrades of SIA stood the brunt of cold, hunger and death. And now the persecution in France. Besides, it is not true that the Spanish General Council of SIA is squandering money. It is true that there was some friction between the council and the refugees which I understand has now been settled. In the last letter of Vazquez, dated the 10th of June, he assured me that during the month of May SIA distributed 450,000 francs among the refugees. That surely does not look like "squandering money". But he is nevertheless right that you should send your resignation to the ~~SL~~ Spanish SIA in France. He is, however, wrong when he also takes upon himself to tell you that I have no right to decide in the matter - not that I want to decide being so far away, but in point of fact, I am still the accredited representative in England for SIA - I mean, I still have a mandate to act in this capacity. Naturally, I have no desire to make use of it, in fact when you took charge of the SIA, I only did the hard work and the worrying, but I am not aware in any shape that I dictated to you, or anyone else for that matter.

About the suggestion of Reginald and Peter to audit the SIA books by a professional accountant. Even if I would consent to it, I should reject the idea of the professional accountant for the

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single reason that the SIA section was not a commercial undertaking, and I certainly would not consent to an outsider putting his nose in the propaganda carried on for SIA. My reasons for refusing the suggestion of R. & P. is this -- my credentials were given me in 1936 by the CNT-FAI. At that time there was no SIA in existence. The comrades of the two organizations were, therefore, the ones who authorized me to raise money for the evacuated women and children. I was, therefore, responsible only to them and to no one else. All that the people who responded to my appeal have the right to ask in the assurance that the money reached the comrades in Spain, and that it was for the purpose claimed in my appeals. For that I have receipts and that is the only thing that matters as far as England is concerned. Then, when I came back in 1937, I also had credentials for SIA to keep up the work for refugee women and children as the representative of SIA. Of course, I was asked to organize a section but as you should know, I failed in my efforts. I wrote SIA that I really cannot call the London bureau a section since only Ralph and myself are doing all the work. That was before you became honorary-treasurer and until I left for Spain, August, 1938, when you consented to act in my stead. Until that time I was again responsible only to the general council in Spain and to no one else. Then I went to Barcelona in August, 1938, I took with me a complete statement of receipt and expenses, both for the CNT-FAI and SIA which was approved by the comrades. In other words, my obligations were to the Spanish comrades in Spain and now in France. And it is to them that I will submit the books, not to any outside people who had nothing whatever to do with my efforts, who did not even contribute financially to it, except you, Stella Churchill, Laurence Housman, and I must not forget Miles Nelleson who also contributed small sums before you took charge. I repeat as far as the general contributors is concerned, I feel that receipts for the amount of money received and taken to Spain, is all that they are entitled to. I am sorry, therefore, dear Ethel, that I cannot submit any outsider to audit the books -- that can only be done beginning with the time when you began to appeal for money and you were instrumental in paying bills for printing and other things with which you agreed. I am writing Ralph to let you see, or anyone else you choose, the accounts received and expended since you have seriously taken over the treasury. As to what people will think of me, my dear, I have survived it for fifty years. I will stand for whatever years there are left me on this earth. I know that I have the complete confidence of the Spanish comrades, and that I have carried out their wishes to the last degree. I admit there were occasions when money collected for the SIA had to be used for the CNT-FAI for matters which I certainly would not submit to an official accountant, but also some money, and quite a lot, was used for the SIA from the fund of the CNT-FAI. I am writing Ralph to this effect.

Of course I cannot mix in your friction regarding the flat that was taken for the six Spanish comrades. I can well understand their feeling in wanting to be in London rather than tucked away somewhere in the country. Since you say yourself that our Spanish comrades would rather remain in England than go to Mexico, it is but natural that they should want to establish contacts with English people.

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Ethel Mannin

Now how are they going to do it, if they are all tucked away in the country. I, therefore, say that it is natural for them to want to live in London. It is a sad situation indeed that a proud people like the Spanish, the only people in the world who love liberty, willing to die for it, and are willing to give up all comforts which other people cherish, to be dependent and have a few shillings doled out to them. That, of course, is no one's fault, but it makes it so sad, nevertheless. If only I could have public meetings now, I would raise money to secure them for a number of months at least, the rent they have to pay. That, however, is impossible until the late fall. Nevertheless I am going to induce the Jewish and Italian comrades to make up the 25 shillings which they will send to Vero for the rent so that he can pay for the telephone our Spanish comrades are so eager for. This, too, I understand, they are out off not only from their soil but also from their tongue. Would we not also want to get in touch with those who speak our language if we were in their place?

You ask in your letter to Vero whether SIA should support the comrades of the CNT. Dearest Ethel, SIA stands for International Anti-Fascist solidarity, which means all political dissenters. If SIA had to concentrate on helping its own comrades, it is only because no one else helps them, otherwise it is the function of SIA to help all those who have fought in the Spanish struggle, Germans, Italians and in fact all those coming from other countries. Naturally SIA must also help the CNT comrades in London.

In your letter you used the term "alleged" twice -- once when you say "alleged discrimination" and the other when you speak of the "alleged fifty pounds" sent every month for our people as I have it from Vazquez's letter. You cannot possibly doubt my statement because if you do, I had better enclose the statements I had received from our German comrades in Camp Gurs which will prove to you the discrimination carried on in the camps against our people and I am also enclosing a description of one of the ships going to Mexico with 1,800 refugees among whom were only 16 of our comrades. My dearest, it isn't a question of "alleging" -- it is a question of fact.

I think the suggestion by Reginald and Peter to go to Spain would be excellent provided it would not also have very serious consequences. Surely you realize that Reginald must be known to the Franco gang. His appearance in Spain would, therefore, spell danger not only to him, but also to everybody he will come in contact with. For, you must bear in mind that our people who have remained in Spain, are forced to live under the strictest secrecy and certainly cannot afford to be in contact with comrades coming from our side of Spain. On the other hand, there is Peter who is completely unknown to our people. To me it is reasonably certain that not one would confide anything in him, or could afford to do so because of the stringent surveillance under which they must be living. Don't think that I have any doubts about Peter's integrity, indeed now I like his integrity, and I certainly would trust him with a great many things concerning our work and his quest in Spain. It is only that the present situation in Franco's Spain is such that nothing could be accomplished for our

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Ethel Mannin.

Spanish people in London or their families, and there is danger to the lives of both Reginald and Peter. That is my only reason for doubting the proposition, nothing else.

About what you say regarding Ralph having been used as the "sleeper who does all the work". My dear, I have never questioned Ralph's devotion to the work, or his willingness to do more than his share although I was sometimes irritated by his slow pace. You seem to forget that I did also a little of the hard work, not very much I take it, except to organize meetings and concerts, and lay awake nights to devise means and ways that would help SIA and to help the struggle in Spain. My own comrades ~~and~~ those who pretend to be, evidently do not think I have done anything at all — well you know the saying about the prophet who counts for nought in his own land, so I must be content under the circumstances.

My dear I did not say that I do not like what you wrote about me in your book. What I said was that I missed the warmth which always emanated from you everytime we met and which raised my spirit and helped me to endure the ghastly situation under which I laboured. I received no letter from you for weeks, therefore, also not the letter where you said you intended to send a cable for my anniversary. It isn't that I care for the cables my dear, it is merely that it so forcibly shows up my failure in England to win real comrades and friends. As I have repeatedly said, it may have been my fault but whatever the reason the fact remains that I have left no impression whatever on the public at large, and not even on the few who hung around 21 Frith Street but yesterday from Fascist and Communist ranks and therefore, very unreliable material in the Anarchist Movement. But it is all in a day's work.

I hope my dear, that you will succeed in going either to Arabia or Mexico. I may be mistaken but I think Mexico may be more interesting because of the experiments that are being made with the land and the general labour movements in that country. On the other hand, Arabia may prove more picturesque and certainly holds out pleasant experiences since you will be given the hospitality through no delegations in London. For myself I am selfish enough to hope that you might also get to America because then you could make an extra little trip to visit me here. It would be a great treat I assure you.

With my love always.

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July 26th, 1939.

Mr. H. M. Caiserman,
Canadian Jewish Committee for Refugees,
2040 Bleury Street,
Montreal, P. Q.

My very dear friend:

I am in your debt this time not having answered your letter of June 23rd. There was really nothing to write about as I was waiting to hear from your end about Rosenfield how he was getting along. I wonder what is the condition of his ankles which I know were very injured, and what is the status of his case. I am very interested as you can well imagine.

Yes, I know how generous you have been and how helpful with the friend of Rosenfield. Needless to say I appreciate greatly your help.

Now, to your letter of July 10th, containing your kind congratulations to my 70th anniversary. Believe me you were in good company. I was remembered by means of 45 cables and wires and 30 letters from Europe, the United States and Canada. In addition, the comrades here had a very pleasant dinner affair and they fairly showered me with flowers and other gifts. Altogether the 27th this year would have been a perfect day but for the memory of Alexander Berkman who took his life on the night of the 27th of June, 1936; also because of a great shock caused me by the sad news of the death of one of the most picturesque and courageous Spanish Anarchists whose name you will find signed to the enclosed tribute. So you see my dear, that my life is never free for very long from black shadows - the golden rays appearing only on very rare occasions. Nevertheless, I consider this 27th of June as one of the banner events in my life and I am grateful to you and all the others who have helped to make it so. The only way I can reciprocate is to assure you that I will continue the battle for human freedom and well being as long as life will last me. In fact, I already have a scheme which, if successful, will be the crowning glory of fifty years of active service in the front ranks of the Anarchist Movement. It will be exactly fifty years the 15th of August of this year.

To save my comrades and friends the trouble of putting up a tablet or monument on my grave, I intend to ask them to help me create a permanent Emma Goldman Spanish Re-Patriation Testimonial. As it is too hot for any gathering in August, the celebration in the form of a number of dinners are being planned in a number of cities.

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Mr. H. M. Uaiserman.

the United States. In this city, the friends are going to for-gather at a dinner and musicale on the 30th of September. It would be grand if you and Sarah could be with us, especially since your benevolent rulers make it impossible for you and others to be heard in your city. The vulgarity of Montreal was demonstrated the other day in the wholesale weddings; thus our love and the most intimate human relationship, robbed of all its sweetness and glory.

My dear, I was able to follow the world's literature because I have acquired a habit to do all my reading at night. When everybody is asleep and nothing can distract me. But between you and me and the lamp-post, I have to confess to you, that I have neglected my reading shamefully the last three years. It was the glorious beginning in Spain which took complete possession of me as no lover ever could or did. I can say without exaggeration, that I had no thought of anybody or anything else while the experiment in Spain was permitted to go on. You will appreciate without words, what the collapse of the great beginning was to me. I think I should not have had the strength to go on with life were it not for the fact that I know my Spaniards. Unlike all other people they like liberty so well that they were willing to die for it. They, therefore cannot be conquered, although they may be temporarily defeated. My absorption in Spain and the fate of the Spanish people has excluded all else. However, the time is coming when I will again take up the broken threads of my interest in the finer things of life consisting in literature and the other arts to which I hope to return to as to an old love.

Thank you again my dear for your beautiful tribute to me for my 70th anniversary. True, three scores and ten are a heavy load to carry but if your spirit is young, nothing else matters. Give my profound love to Sarah.

Sincerely,

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July 26th, 1939.

Dear Bill & Dear Lillian:

I discovered when I received the list from Harry Weinberger of the contributors to my birthday fund that your name was on it. Thank you lots for your contribution. Now as to your letter, dear Lillian, of July 6th. Yes, everybody tells me that I am looking better on this visit than I was five years ago. I don't know how that can be because the last three years have been filled to the brim with all sorts of tragedies among which Sasha's death and the Spanish struggle were the outstanding features. You may believe me when I tell you that these ~~XXXX~~ shocks certainly did not tend to keep my spirit aflame or my hopes as strong as they were when I met you in England. However, I have endless perseverance and I am as friends you used to say "like a cat" — throw her down from the heights and she will always fall on her paws". I admit I feel physically much better than I have in a long time but I am constantly under deep depressions which of course I am trying to fight against.

Well the 70th anniversary was certainly turned into a gala day, thanks to the solidarity, friendship and generosity of many comrades and friends. I have written at length about the number of cables, wires and letters I have received from Europe, the States and Canada and I am hoping she will let you read the account so as to save me repetition. I still have a tremendous amount of mail to meet all pertaining to the friends who have remembered me so kindly on the 27th of June.

Jeanne may also have told you about my second birthday this year — the 15th of August when I will have been fifty years in the Anarchist ~~xxxxxx~~ ranks. A number of cities are planning testimonial dinners during September to help me create a permanent E. G. Spanish Re-patriation Testimonial. We are having one here on the 30th of September and Jeanne has promised to organize a dinner in Chicago. New York will of course, also have one.

I can't tell you how much I have enjoyed Jeanne & J. Unfortunately their visit was so short though very sweet indeed. As usual Jeanne came with loaded arms — two lovely dresses, a little rug for my bedroom and both she and J. brought some groceries to supply me with provisions for a long time. It was a glorious visit

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and I cherished every moment.

I am sorry you could not stop off on your way to Chicago. I should have loved to see you both and your baby. I had two letters from Angelica - one long ago referring to that unfortunate affair of hers with George Selds and also a sweet birthday letter. Angelica is like Father Time in Jude the Obscured by Thomas Hardy. She was born before her time - a tragic figure and she sees through eyes. That is of course her misfortune and the regret of many of her friends. Isn't it just like Angelica's "business ability" to actually believe that any scenario that she might write would bring her fifty thousand dollars. I see that she was sensible to refuse the man who must be a regular imposter to even try to make her believe such nonsense. I had hoped that she would establish herself in America as a speaker which would have enabled her to do her work and to earn enough to make ends meet. I am sorry this is not the case. It is ironic that I who ~~would~~ might succeed in my erstwhile country, cannot get there and Angelica who is there, cannot succeed. But then these are the contradictions of life. The more complicated the human being the greater the contradictions that meet him or her.

There is much more I would like to write you but it is beastly hot and I still have many letters to answer. I rely on Jeanne to let you read my letters as I have written her about a number of things. With love to both of you and a special chunk for your baby.

CG

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E. G.
295 Vaughan Road,
Toronto, Ontario.

Emma

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Emma Goldman

295 VAUGHAN ROAD

TORONTO
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July 27th, 1939.

Mr. Isaac Don Levine,
Chambers Road,
Danbury, Conn., U. S. A.

My Dear Don:

I was delighted to hear from you so quickly after I mailed my letter care of H. W. It is quite alright not having sent the telegram for my 70th anniversary. I take your thought for your deed. I sort of suspected that you must know that I am in Canada. News in our circle travels fast and now that we have established contact again, lets not permit years to pass before we hear from each other direct.

Yes, I recall celebrating my 55th birthday in your house with Sasha present and I certainly remember your infant. Time does fly my dear - fifteen years of so many many things have crowded in during that period. You bet I want to see your son and I am overjoyed to hear that you are intending to come to Canada and bring him along, also Ruth whom I will be glad to see again. Now before I proceed with anything else I want you to let me know by return mail when you are coming. I don't want to miss you or cause you to miss me. So we better have an engagement. Do you mean you are coming next week-end or during next week? I will have no one between next tuesday and the 13th of August when my niece Ruth, her husband and their lovely baby are coming and bringing Fitzi and Pauline along. I would like your visit to take place in between and that you will not be in a rush because there are a number of things I want to talk to you about.

I had a letter from Roger Baldwin and H. W. both insisting that it is not yet the time to do anything in my case. I admit Roger has a way of pouring cold water over every proposition but he may be right when he said it is necessary that we wait until after Congress closes. He absolutely insists that a visa for me depends on Perkins and ~~Harry~~ her representative in the Department of Immigration and that they are both anything courageous to permit me to return. Anyway it will be well for you to talk over with Roger and with Harry.

Perhaps your connections are more dependable. Frankly I dare not hope too much for results.

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Mr. Isaac Don Levine.

Your suggestion that I should write a book on Spain gave me a shock. I have the material but I don't know how I am going to do it. It is not only a difficult job but also extremely painful because I would have to pay my respect not only to the butcher Stalin, but also to the others who have so wantonly betrayed Spain, namely Chamberlain and Blum. Would such material be accepted for publication? I have had such bad luck with everything I have written and so did poor Sasha. We wrote and wrote and never made a cent by our writing. Of course with the exception of "Living My Life" fortunately I had received substantial advance on royalties or I also would have remained without a penny. I confess I do not enjoy the prospect of spending time on a book unless I knew definitely whether it would be accepted for publication or serialized. We will have to talk that over when you are here. Another thing is that the material I have has been specially translated for me from the Spanish ~~text~~ into German. I would have to do into English which would be quite a job. However, when you will be here we might go over the stuff and you could tell me what would be of value in the book you propose. Thank you very much for your offer of help. You certainly know the ropes as regards publishers and magazines and I feel confident you would advise me honestly.

You say that you never had any "illusions as to the ultimate treachery in Spain" and that you "simply do not believe that any good can come out of falsehood". In the first place we Russians who were in Barcelona when the negotiations with Stalin's henchmen went on, knew exactly what the outcome would be. Moreover, the Spaniards of the CNT-FIA also knew that they are likely to be betrayed by Russia. But Franco was at the gates of Madrid and my comrades had no other way but to accept the deal. They did so because they believed that they would not be the victim of Stalin. I suppose they believed in their own resourcefulness. As to what you say about that "good cannot come out of falsehood" I do not exactly know what you mean by it. The militants in Spain never used 'falsehood' - if anything they were too childlike and too honest, that's why it was so easy to turn them over to Franco. As to the falsehood Moscow, yes, my dear, I knew that only too well and I believe with you that everything must be done to expose the modern ~~jesuit~~ jesuitic gang whose evil power reaches farther than the old jesuit order dreamed about. For the rest, we will take that up when you are here. Be sure to let me know by return mail or ask Ruth to do it. With kind regards to her and her son.

Cordially,

Emma

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295 Vaughan Road,
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Canada.

July 29, 1939

Vera Hainert.

Dear Comrade and Friend:-

This is to thank you for your contribution to my 70th Anniversary which is so greatly helpful because at this period of life—and especially after 20 years' absence from America—it becomes deeply needed to better enable me to carry on. Your thoughtfulness of my life and actual support in the active service for our mutual ideal is immensely gratifying.

Fifty years ago--August 15, 1869--I accepted Anarchism as my highest aim and hope. I have since served it utterly and, I trust, somewhat successfully. Appropriately, marking this "second birthday" of my own choice, I am now proposing to our comrades in the main cities of America that they hold an EMMA GOLDMAN SPANISH RELIEF TESTIMONIAL DINNER as soon as practical for the rescue of our heroic Spanish comrades from the frightful concentration camps of France.

Through the devoted friendship and help of C.V. & Sadie Cook, H. Yaffe and others, who have kept me informed of what Los Angeles comrades have done, I will soon issue the call and invitations and hope you will cooperate with me to make this Dinner a great success. They will mail them for me.

Meanwhile--and always--accept my gratitude for your kindly support, comradely wishes and personal regards.

In this great movement in favor of freedom, I am ever,

Yours fraternally,

Emma Goldman

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July 28th, 1939.

Our dear friend, thru the years:

Thank you for your welcome letter of July 24th, with enclosures.

You have reason indeed to prize the splendid testimonial from the Spanish comrades. The wording is so touching and eloquent, and the true sentiment of appreciation and honor breathing through the sentences so genuine, that we do not wonder that the tribute is precious to you. It must seem a crowning reward for your many courageous and self-sacrificing years, and the bearing of your witness to your deepest convictions. We mourn with you the untimely demise of Mariano Vazquez, but we, as you know, believe such souls receive overflowing reward in renewed life after the mere incident we call "death". To behold a world and humanity freed of present tortures and enslavement, humiliations and cruelties, and enraptured by the soul's happiness in ideals achieved, will be rich return for this time's hard toil.

We are so glad that your birthday was so filled with evidences of your many friends' goodwill and admiration. We should have liked to send a fuller telegram than our brief one, but feel sure that you could sense in it the reality of our greetings.

We shall look forward with pleasure to the Musicale and Dinner you write are planned for September 30th, and I shall be glad, since you ask it, to say a few words out of a long and valued friendship ever since those "hectic" Worcester experiences. That pathetic befuddled Police Chief, -- puppet of the enraged business "leaders", -- who said you would "under no conditions" speak in the timorous confines of Worcester, and who then had to eat "humble pie" while one of his serpents and 19 brave patrolmen listened to your unforgettable address under the canopy of the stars above! I doubt if you ever had a more ironic experience than that.

We shall be glad to contribute to aid of the refugees in French camps if the cause is included at the September 30th dinner.

I am glad the date is not earlier in September as we probably shall be away from home until about the 20th.

With always warm greetings and looking forward with keen anticipation to the September reunion,

Your sincere friends,

ELIOT & MABEL R. WHITE.

Often, and always with warming of the heart do I think of splendid color-bearer and martyr, Alexander, -- true friend.

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Emma Goldman

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July 31st, 1939.

Dearest Angelica:

I have received two letters from you both undated. The first acknowledged the clippings which I sent, I believe through Lillian, though I may have sent them direct to you, I don't remember. The other is your greeting to my 70th anniversary. Thank you for both, my dear. You are right, my birthday that might have been one of the few perfect days in my life was marred by the memory of Sasha's end on the night of the 27th of June 1936. Rather it was the time when he attempted ~~to~~ to end his life. He actually died the night of the 28th and was buried the 30th. That ghastly recollection will always be with me and will always cloud my sky during the few years left me on this cruel earth of ours.

This year, an additional sorrow came to me on the morning of the 27th through the news of the death of Mariano R. Vazquez. He was one of the most picturesque personalities in the National Confederation of Labour - a man of tremendous energy and working capacity and most outstanding in his daring to face death. Yet so senseless is our fate that this man had to die by drowning. Actually he got in to ~~flimsy~~ weeds in the mid-stream of the ~~Mame~~ and was pulled down by them. By the time help came, he was lost out of sight. I feel very keenly about his end because I have learned to know him and admire him in spite of his many shortcomings. So you see, my dear the 27th was anything but all sunshine. However, my life has never been a bed of roses. On my 70th occasion I was at least given unlimited comradeship and love from Europe, the United States and Canada. So I am after all more fortunate than many others.

difficult
You are right, it is extremely *difficult* for me to write letters, not only because of the ever-present horror of the conditions on my Spanish comrades and the others in the French camps, but also because of the blood-freezing indifference to the defeated Spain on the part of most people one meets. It is a time that is very disheartening and yet I must keep up the struggle as I know you do. For else would life mean to us unless we continued active service, even if we have to eat out our hearts because of the poor response, we have to go on nevertheless to the bitter end. I know you will my dear Angelica. As for myself, nothing will stop me to continue to my last breath.

Jeanne and J. were with me only for two days. They are both beautiful people and I love them very deeply. They are among

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Angelica Balabanoff.

would arrange
my most devoted friends in America. You will be glad to know that Jeanne intends to join me in Winnipeg and act as my "general cook and bottle washer". She is such an able organizer, I am sure to ~~have the~~ successful in meeting in that city and possibly several others in the West of Canada with her to manage my tour. I understand that the social awareness of the workers in Western Canada is keener than in the East. Here it is nothing at all - a mental graveyard and I couldn't possibly stand it for long unless my Western tour will materialize. On the other hand, I also cannot go back to Europe. I've grown to loathe the English people with their hypocrisy, with their callous indifference to the deepest tragedies. Another repulsive trait in England I have come across is their shopkeeper tendencies. I don't know how I ever stood it there for nearly three years at a stretch. I don't want ever to go back to England if I can help it, and yet I fear I will have to in case my oral work here does not bring results. I will then have to go back to England to get up my material for writing. Either a life of Sasha, if I will ever be objective enough and attached (I am certainly not that now). Or a third volume of "Living My Life" or a book about personalities I have met. Well, sufficient unto the day. *she*

grave
How I wish you could pay me a visit. I have a small but very cozy apartment and an extra room for visitors. I had my sister here two weeks ago only for a few days. I found her remarkably alert and so intensely interesting in everything. She is 78 years old but her spirit is younger than many of the youth of today. I also had other comrades. Next week my youngest niece with her husband and child, and two of my dear friends are coming to visit me. The first of September I hope to have my brother here. My favorite brother, who had a beautiful body and had to have one leg amputated. Since then he is an invalid spending most of his time in a chair like the 'mattress of Meine'. That is a deep tragedy to me as you can well imagine. About Stella, I heard from her brother Saxe. She has gained weight. She seems to be less excited and she takes interest more than she did through her illness. So we are hopeful although we know it is going to take a long time to get her back to her old self. The world is full of tragedies dearest Angelica, public as well as personal, but life goes on and we must continue in our chosen path.

Give my love to Kate if you see her. How she can still be a fanatical Communist is beyond my conception. Fortunately she is bigger than her creed.

With love,

Emma
Emma died July 8th
after her 6th operation
months. Every surgeon
predicted that operation would be suicidal
she died peacefully I was informed.

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Dear Emma:

I am enclosing the translation and original letter from Pedro. I am very glad to hear that he feels like that about M. because somehow I had placed Pedro in the same category with the rest of the ones who having gone to the government, liked it so well that they changed their views in many respects. He used to sign the letters to me, jointly with Mariano. I am very glad to hear that he did not ~~par~~ share Mariano's views.

I have had other reports from friends with regard to Mariano. One, during the war, went to France and from there he wrote me, telling me things that I did not even told my own companion. There are two things that have disillusioned me - one was the Russian Revolution and the other the Spanish war. Now I don't have any more illusions about anything. I am perfectly rational, realistic - I no longer believe in Santa Claus. I found that our people are not made of any different clay from the rest of the mortals.

I shall be glad to translate anything you may have whether in correspondence or otherwise. Translating correspondence is not hard on me, as I am experienced. What I find it hard is to translate literature, because although I have been writing for the last 20 years, I have to re-write my own articles two and three times, even when I write in Spanish. Of course, to translate in order to convey the meaning - the accurate meaning - but without any polish, is not hard for me when dealing with political questions, or with the Spanish question. So if you succeed in getting a publisher I shall be glad to translate whatever you may have. I presume that they will be manifestoes, reports, or such ~~xxx~~ other documents as appeared from time to time in the Spanish press during the course of the war, and then you are to use them in whole or in part for your own writing. I would write or rather translate roughly and then you can polish it up. No, I won't charge anything for the work. I have my own work, my own business and I get paid for translating from bankers, big industrialists, big journals, etc., but so long as I am allowed to do this work I will not charge anything for the other kind. It is my contribution to the cause. One contributes one way and the ~~xxx~~ other in some other way - each one according to his ability or position.

I am returning the Canadian dollar you sent me for postage. Thank you just the same, but, as I said before, it makes no difference whether I spend the money for postage or for a direct contribution. So, there you are. Besides, my business, now that I am taking care of it, is better.

With best regards from Anna and myself, I am,

With fraternal greetings,
M.O.

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Dear Emma; hello. How can I rile against Chamberlain because he appeased Hitler by letting have Czechoslovakia and then rile again against Hitler who left Chicago last Friday for a needed rest in the country and I came back this morning. Thus the delay in the translation. However, there are many things that will have to be left in ~~abeyance~~ abeyance for the time being, among them the colonization project of Pedro, because of the war. Many schemes will have to be broken. I am sort of worried on account of our comrades in France, for two reasons. One is that Deladier may want to force them into the army, and although I would like see Hitler crushed and would not like my comrades to die in this war of nations that left Spain be crushed by this same Hitler, I just because their bourgeoisie was afraid of a revolution and the proletariat was too indifferent or too much under the sway of Stalin to try to do something. I had my brother about to cleave for Mexico, with the papers, and everything ready, but now I suppose he'll remain there. What? Who will lead that revolution? What is the result? Either a socialist or a communist. For another thing I am afraid is that Hitler may try to bomb our comrades in the concentration camps. He knows that many will enlist, anyway, and at any rate, that of the nearly 250,000 refugee soldiers in the French concentration camps they are all his enemies and will be on his way in the future and now. He probably knows that there are no anti-aircraft to protect them and in such cases the destructive work of airplanes is most effective, as it was shown in Guernica. I should not be surprised to read any day that German aviators bombed and killed thousands of Spanish refugees. (Hitlers) to get into power.

I would like to discuss with you this point. Our attitude in this war. The way I put the problem is this way. Either appeasement or war. Appeasement means that sooner or later the whole world would be under the heel of Hitler. For he is insatiable. If the powers (the allies) did not come now to the rescue of Poland (or to put it more correct, if they did not decide to stop Hitler now - for they don't give a damn for Poland) and Hitler would conquer Poland, then some other nation and his thirst for power would grow stronger as he got more land and more power. He would become another Napoleon and he would soon be dictating the world. The alternative is war now. Can we, as progressive men and women, as anarchists, oppose the war? I shall owe, if we were, say in France or England, call a general strike (just supposing we had the strength to do it) or in any other way oppose the persecution of the war? Of course, I am not blind to the rôle played by Deladier and Chamberlain. I do not think for a moment that I believe that, particularly Chamberlain, is fighting to preserve "democracy", etc. It is a question of defending England; for they have come to realize now what the anarchists and many others said during the Spanish ~~war~~ war, namely that as Hitler and Mussolini became stronger they would become bolder and defy England, France and the world. The alliance of Hitler with Stalin I believe was a grave mistake on the part of Hitler, as that has alienated the sympathies of many sincere anti-communists to his cause.

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I am in a puzzle. How can I rile against Chamberlain because he
appeased Hitler by letting have Czechoslovakia and then rile again
against Chamberlain and Deladier because they have finally done
what they have done at that time — that is, oppose Hitler with
force which is the only reason that he listens to? In the world,
and consequently it will be in all probability of a communistic
nature. At the beginning it is either appeasement with the dire
consequences that I have mentioned or war with the other conse-
quences. Well, some anarchists or revolutionists may say. Since
we cannot avoid the war, the thing for us to do is to try to make
this imperialist war a revolutionary war. That is quite in
keeping also with the orthodox anarchist ~~ideas~~ ideas. All right,
let us do that, and let us suppose that we succeed in turning
this imperialist war into a revolutionary war, which revolutionary
war will take place only in a defeated country, because I cannot
conceive of a revolution in a triumphant country (at least I
never heard of one in any place). Then what? Who will lead that, even
revolution? What would be the result? Either a socialist or
a communist government? If the former, well we as anarchists
may be allowed to breathe like in Germany during the socialist
regime. If the latter, then? Well you know what to expect
from a communist regime. Because at no country in the world
have the libertarian ideas any influence or power to turn a
revolution through libertarian channels. The only thing would
be that the anarchists will give their lives, shed their blood
to help a German or French or Polish Stalin into power who will
then proceed to kill the rest of the anarchists who escaped alive
from the revolution that ~~was~~ made it possible for them (for the
new dictators) to get into power.

It is a terrible dilemma. But whether orthodox, whether kosher
or not, and without being ~~blind~~ blind to the real issue that moved
Chamberlain and Deladier to act, I will not lift a finger or help
anybody lift a finger to obstruct the persecution of the war,
because I don't see how we personally or ideologically can gain
anything from ~~having~~ having the "democracies" defeated by Hitler,
and on the other hand, I do feel that if Hitler is defeated we
are at least allowed to live and sometimes even to propagate our
ideas. I don't believe or say (and on this score I had a dis-
cussion with a comrade in Cultura Proletaria a few years ago) that
"all the governments are alike". No matter what dialectics you
or anybody else may use, I prefer to live under, say, a Roosevelt
than under a Hitler or a Stalin. Of course, it is not my business
to go around and make it as my mission to point out those differ-
ences, and the proof is that I have been a libertarian for 30 years,
and have lived all my life under the most advanced democratic
governments and have been active attacking that form of government.
All governments are bad, of course, ~~but~~ but that is not the same
as saying that they are all alike. If you tell me that they all
want power to exploit, to rule, etc., that is understood, but I
cannot allow myself to be sincere to myself and say that they are
all alike, or that there are no differences between them.

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I just wanted to write you a little note and finished by writing almost as much as you wrote to Pedro.

Best regards,

German soldiers used H₂O² gas to "kill" and "burn" that German soldiers killed and killed thousands of Spanish refugees.

I would like to discuss with you this point. Our attitude is this way. The very fact the problem is this way, either agreement or war. Agreement means a treaty, or later the whole world would be under the heel of Hitler. There is no alternative for the powers (the allies) but to go on to the end or to put it more correctly, they will not decide to stop Hitler now - or they don't (as a result of Poland) Hitler would conquer Poland, then some other nation and then thirst for power would grow stronger as he got more and more power. He would become another Napoleon and he would soon be dictating the world. The alternative is war. The only way to stop Hitler is war. If we can't win, we should go, if we were, say in France or England, still a powerful ally to just supporting us had the strength to do it) or in any other way oppose the persecution of the Jews. Of course, I am not blind to the role played by Germany and other nations. I do not think for a moment that I believe that, particularly that it is, in fighting to overcome "Germany", etc. It is a question of winning or losing, but they are sure to realize now what the outcome will be. Others say, after the Jewish war, a new world order and a new world order. I believe that would be a good thing, but the only way to stop Hitler is war. I believe that the only way to stop Hitler is war. I believe that the only way to stop Hitler is war. I believe that the only way to stop Hitler is war.

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August 1st, 1939.

Darling Liza:

Our letters seemed to have passed each other like ships in the night. I know your letter of July 10th arrived after I had mailed mine telling you all about what happened on my 70th anniversary. Yes, the comrades also remembered me with gifts in the form of cheques. I appreciated that more than anything else because it enables me to help some very pressing cases among the Italian, German and Spanish refugees in the French camps. Also, I am relieved of a worry for the next couple of months. So, that, too, was of importance and at the same time demonstrated the willingness of the comrades who are at all able, to make me "rich" as a tribute to my three score and ten. While I am on the question of money, I want to ask you to let me know when I began with the contribution to the German refugee child. I have no memory at all when that was started. I want to keep it up for a year and if my finances increase, I will keep it up indefinitely. But I would like to know, as I do not want to overdraw in the bank in London. I have very little money left there. For this reason, let me know by return mail.

About Emmy, I know myself dearest, that I have nothing to reproach myself with and yet I have not been able to throw that dreadful feeling of having left her without word the last months of her illness. My only reasons for it was that I feared that my letters would excite her and would do her more harm than good. I feel reasonably certain that she didn't even miss my letters, still I feel wotten about it. I've had another letter from Nellie Harris wherein she gave me details of Emmy's death and also what she learned from Emmy's French friend. He must be a perfect Saint judging by what he told Nellie in regard to his relation with Emmy. He ~~never~~ told her that he had kept Emmy in the clinic nine months and that only two weeks ago he paid them last ten thousand francs for her treatment, and I suppose also for the operations. He said that before Emmy went into the clinic he drove her out to the cemetery to Sasha's grave. It was the first time she went out there, although she had written me more than a year ago that she had been there and had placed flowers for me on the grave. She told her French admirer, that when she dies she wanted her grave fixed exactly as Sasha's was. So he made a drawing and put on a tablet which told the world of her great suffering during her life. Nellie also wrote that Emmy had told her that she had never been the mistress of the man and that he loved her for her "great" character. Anyway, he was most generous with her so her last nine months, though physically a hell, was nevertheless made very comfortable and did not lack luxuries either. She died peacefully so it is after all the best end for poor Emmy.

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Miss Liza Koldofsky.

About Stella, neither Teddy or Ian have written me a line in six weeks. In fact, Ian not at all since he written to America. I suppose he is so taken up with his young wife (she is only twenty I understand) that he seems to have forgotten about my existence. I got so worried and distressed over Stella, that I wrote a special delivery letter to Saxe begging him to write me what he knows about her. The information I got was rather encouraging. First of all, Stella finally has started to gain weight. She was down to 95 lbs. and now weighs 116. That is a good sign in her condition. She reacts very well to her weekly drives with Teddy or Ian and she seems to have a better appetite than in the past. To celebrate Ian's Saxe and his wife gave him a dinner with wine and all kinds of trimmings. Stella attended the dinner and carried herself off beautifully, Saxe writes. So there is some hope of her complete recovery though there is no saying how long that will take. I already feel my spirit lifted with the news that my nephew gave me.

I already had several visitors for short stays including my sister. The 13th of this month I am getting my youngest niece, her husband, her lovely little girl and my beloved friends both Paulina Turkel and Eleanor Fitzgerald. They will stay with me two weeks, I hope. Then on the first of September, Babskells motoring my brother here. They will also stay two weeks, I hope. So at least I am getting visitors from the States, but as to my visiting them that looks farther removed than ever.

I've started a new scheme to establish a permanent fund for the Spanish refugees in connection with the Anniversary of my fifty years in the Revolutionary ranks. I have written about it to Dukerman, copy of which I enclose. He wrote me a very beautiful birthday letter, part of which you will gather from my answer.

You know, of course, from my last letter, that Simion's brother and his wife were to visit me and they asked all about you. About ten days ago I took a friend down to their restaurant. We thought they had Jewish dishes and as it was a Friday, we wanted to eat there, but I discovered it was an ordinary Canadian restaurant with Canadian dishes of which I am no more fonder than the English cooking. So we excused ourselves and went to a real Jewish restaurant. Mrs. K. was very pleasant and I promised her faithfully to come again.

And so you are mothering a boy of four years, a refugee child from Berlin? I should like to see you in that capacity. I always felt that you would make a great mother. — Perhaps love your child more than it would have been good for it. I am quite certain that the little refugee will get great affection and care. I think that it should satisfy you more to have this kind of work than those silly useless curtains.

So far I have not been out much of the city nor have I gone anywhere but my visitors wrote me that they want to take me to one of the lakes so I may have a holiday after all. All I have done is to take care of my little apartment and to write and dictate endless letters. Much love.

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August 2nd 39.

Dear Vero. This will go by Transatlantic Air Mail which I am told will reach you in two days. It is an experiment because I have to reach you quickly and also I must have an immediate reply. It is this, a friend of mine, well known American journalist has suggested that I write a book of 70,000 on my experience in Spain dealing particularly with the sinister activities of the communists. You see the articles by Arivitzky, which by the way my friend translated, and the articles by Araquistain and Caballero have aroused considerable interest in the part of the rotten Communists in Spain and my friend thinks now is the time for a work from me. He is coming to see me this week when we will go over the ground. Of course I have no intention of writing in the void. Unless Don Levine, the friend I am referring to can get me an advance on royalties, or a contract with some magazine I am not going to waste my time for a book and then have it lie around as so many of comrade Berkman's and my MSS have before. Of course ~~if~~ I can get an advance, part of it would go for our Spanish comrades.

Now why am I writing you all this? It is because I do not have enough data of the damnable ~~gang~~ Stalin gang in Spain. I have some material from the FAI documents which Martin Gudell managed to get out before the collapse. Unfortunately not all I was to get. I therefore want you to ask the comrades in London if they will let me have some authentic data, not yet published for the proposed book. Never mind if it is in Spanish. I can get it translated by our comrade Olay now in Chicago and formerly the editor of the Spanish Bulletin in New York. I want particularly the activities of the Moscow gang in Madrid and Valencia since the comrade in London probably know best about their part of Spain. The material I have deals with Cataluna and as I said is only half of what was promised me by Hererra, Germaine Sousa and the rest. I take it you will see the importance of my request and that you will get after Prada and the others who no doubt have material and would be willing to lend it to me. So please rush this matter.

by means of a phone
Inclosed is a money order for \$7 towards the telephone expenses of the boys in Chalk Farm. It's the very least we can do for them, enable them to keep in touch with some of the other Spanish comrades and possibly also make contacts with English people. The money inclosed was contributed by individual comrades and myself to make up \$7. Once my lectures begin I will try to raise more every month. Most of our comrades here are unemployed. It is really one Italian comrade, Arthur Bertalotti who is always ready to contribute and even he has been out of work for months. He just started again and is paying off some debts. Once he will be through he will let me have something every month for our Spanish friends in England.

We were to have a picnic, or rather the Italian ^{my} comrade were last Sunday. We had to ~~postpone~~ postpone it for the 20th of this month. Part of the proceeds will be sent to Jeanne Berneri in response to her appeal. Actually I have already sent \$30, \$25 as my contribution from my birthday fund, and \$25 for the Italians who will pay it back from the picnic. Anyhow the \$7 inclosed has nothing to do with the Libertarian group, it's an individual contribution. Nevertheless I would like a receipt.

Please let me hear from you soon, in re the material if possible also by transatlantic mail. In haste. Emma

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Emma Goldman

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August 3rd, 1939.

Dearest Minna:

I had intended writing you before but I had to get out the masses of letters which came to my birthday and accumulated more and more every day. I am glad to say that I am nearly at the end, but I decided today not to wait any longer writing you. I had a letter from Harry today saying that the trip back took much more time than coming here and that you were all very tired. I expected as much but if you and Rochelle enjoyed as much as Harry tells me, I am very glad indeed to have had you with me even if the trip was exhausting. I enclose Harry's letter -- you will see that he is not very encouraging about the proposed dinner. I do not say that helping Cohen or celebrating the Ferrer are not important, but it doesn't seem to me that the Testimonial Dinner to my fifty years active service in the Anarchist ranks has anything to do with the other undertakings, especially as the Ferrer affair is to take place in Stelton and not in New York. I hope therefore, that you will not feel as pessimistic as Harry and that you will proceed with the arrangements of a Dinner after you have consulted with Harry Weinberger, Fitzi, Epstein and a few others who will be willing to co-operate to make the Dinner a success. Fitzi may be here a week or two from this Sunday, the 13th. I will then talk it over with her because I feel certain that she would want to help intensively. She could also see people whom you might not be able to reach. You understand, my dear, that I do not stress the dinner because I want any personal glory, I am urging it because the conditions of our Spanish comrades in the French camps grow worse day by day. So many have already perished and many more will if some means are not devised to rescue them from that hell. I am not fool enough to think that the Dinner for an E. G. Spanish Re-Patriation Testimonial is going to bring enough to remove all our comrades, but if it will help me to raise enough for a few people whom I want to save, I will be rewarded for my fifty years' struggle. So I hope you will not relax in your zeal and that you will proceed.

Today I am enclosing two more interesting testimonials which I have received for my 50th anniversary. Eliot White is an Episcopalian minister, that does not prevent him from being one of the finest types in his profession of any whom it has been my fortune to meet. He is by far more genuine and gracious than John Hayne Holmes. However, that is between ourselves. And the other is from a well known Jewish Journalist who now lives in London.

I had a letter from Roger Baldwin. Nothing became of the broadcast. The various broadcast organizations claiming that they were only interested in world events and in nothing else, which of

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Miss Minna Lowensohn.

course, is not true. I am waiting to hear from Jeanne Levey and from Rose Pesotta regarding the particulars of a record of a fifteen minute speech. If I can take that and it is not too expensive, I intend to have it done. I understand that this record can be transcribed and used whenever the occasion for it arises.

A list of names will come to you later on. I can't have it done now and I myself find that I cannot sit too many hours at the machine. Perhaps it is the excessive heat but I feel very exhausted most of the time. However, I will see that a list is prepared and you will get some times this month. Also, when Fizi is here, we will get up a letter in rough graphed which I will ask her to submit to H. W., to you and other people who will participate in the organization of the dinner.

Our own dinner here has been postponed for the 30th of September owing to the Jewish holidays which come very early this year. Perhaps the New York affair could take place the same week if not the same day. I forgot to mention that Rose Pesotta will be our guest speaker. By the way, I have a very close friend in New York - the Danish writer Karin Michaelis. I rather think that she would be glad to speak at the Dinner in New York and she would be a very great drawing card in literary circles. She is, of course, not an Anarchist but she has been very devoted to Sasha and is very fond of me. She wrote me a beautiful letter to my birthday which I am answering today. I will ask her whether she would speak and will then let you know. I think Eliot White should be invited, Professor Dewey, possibly Professor and Mrs. Beard, Professor Erskin and a few others who I believe, who want to have their say on the occasion of a Testimonial to my fifty years activity.

Let me hear from you soon. Affectionately,

Emma

P.S. Give my affectionate greetings to Rochelle. I see by the list of contributors Harry sent me that her name is on the \$10.00. As the address given does not seem sufficient, I would like you to send me her address because I want to write and thank her. I did not realize while you were here that it was our Rochelle who contributed a gift.

I am enclosing two more interesting letters which I received for my birthday. One is from a woman who has been a student of mine and the other is from a man who has been a student of mine. Both are very interesting and I hope you will like them.

I am also enclosing a letter from a man who has been a student of mine. It is very interesting and I hope you will like it.

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Toronto
Dear Karin: I received your letter of the 26th which was a great surprise. I thought you were somewhere and had drifted away from me and from our friendship which I value so highly. You need not be surprised at that — there are quite a number of people, Agnes Smedley, for example, and my old friend who have since cast me out. Fanaticism blinds people and hardens their spirit. Their creed makes them impossible for human relations. In point of truth, since the ascendancy of Stalin to the Russian throne, his adherents had become even greater bigots and relentless persecutors of everyone who dares to express his own opinion on their sinister activities. Well, I am very happy indeed that you have remained your old, loving, tender self in your attitude to your friends and in your affection for me. I therefore cannot tell you how deeply I appreciate the birthday greetings and wishes you sent me to my 70th anniversary. You are, my dear, sensitive and understanding Karin. You know that since Sasha had chosen the 27th of June to end his life and that day will never be the same again for me, no matter how many more years that might be left me. My friends here had organized a Dinner and had shown me ever so many tokens of love and solidarity, but Sasha stood vividly before my eyes and made it impossible for me to enjoy what was intended to be a festive day and evening. In addition, I had sad news on the 27th of the death of one of the most picturesque and courageous Spanish Anarchists I have met on my various visits. You will see his name signed to the beautiful tribute my Spanish comrades sent me. But I could not indulge in my sorrow as that would have spoiled the comradely tribute I was given on the evening of the 27th. Life has taught me that those who cannot die must go on with the struggle incessantly for there is still so much to do — so many people who need help. — Such deep tragedies that require a soothing word or a loving touch. And so, I too, am determined to go on until my last breath.

I said some of my erstwhile friends have cast me out, but on the other hand, I did not realize myself how many friends I still have. The numerous cables, telegrams, letters and gifts to my 70th anniversary testify to that. I felt very moved indeed with the comradeship and solidarity that came to me from so many people.

The 15th of August will mark fifty years of active service in the Anarchist ranks. I want this to be turned into a general Testimonial which will enable me to save the few lives of my comrades in the French camps. So many have already perished there and many

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Karin Michaelis.

more will unless something is done as quickly as possible to save at least a few lives. I am, therefore, calling for an Emma Goldman Spanish Re-Patriation Testimonial which is to be celebrated by means of public Dinners. One such an affair is being contemplated in New York. I have just written to a friend of mine who will be on the committee who will invite you to be one of the guest speakers. I hope, dearest Karin, you will not refuse. I know that you will say many things about me and my work which will have a very deep effect on the people who will attend. Your talk will be the more important because it will spring from your heart and from your deep human kinship you have had for Sasha and because it is here for me as I can see by your letter.

Yes, Tom Mooney, has proven himself unworthy of the terrific effort Sasha has made to save his life and actually did save him from the electric chair for it was entirely Sasha's effort which brought about the commutation of his death sentence to life imprisonment. It is an outrageous thing that Tom hasn't the feeling of solidarity and comradeship, not to speak of appreciation, for the man who saved his life and thereby nearly came losing his own. There are others, who worked hard for Tom Mooney, among them, my dear friend, Eleanor Fitzgerald and Lucy Robbins whose name is now Lucy Lang. She dragged for months, ran from politician to politician, from labour leader to labour leader, canvassed Unions until the morning hours. She lives in New York and Tom must know it, yet he mentioned neither Eleanor Fitzgerald nor Lucy. As to myself, I do not want Tom's appreciation; I am glad he is out, but I confess I am indignant that he so easily turned his back on his old friends. I know who is responsible for it — those miserable people who just use everybody for their ends. Three of the leading Communists in America rushed to California and literally kidnapped Tom Mooney. They are making a mountbank of him — they drag him along in vulgar demonstrations, they finance his meetings and finance him. They corrupted bigger men than Tom, so why not him? I know that you will probably not agree with me but I must nevertheless tell you that the advent of the Communists, especially since Stalin began his evil regime, has disintegrated everybody. If ever I doubted this, Stalin's hand in Spain has destroyed all doubts of the poisonous effect he and his satraps have wherever they set their foot. Indeed, it was Stalin's machinations have undermined the anti-Fascist struggle in Spain and have betrayed the Spanish people. When I tell you that of the hundreds of thousands of dollars collected for the Spanish war, not one penny reached the National Confederation of Labour and the Anarchists Federation of Iberia and not a single tin of milk for their children. Even now, when the refugees are being barbarously treated by the so called Democratic French Government, the discrimination goes merrily on against my comrades. I could write a whole book of the criminal conspiracy and cold-blooded methods used against the most militant section of the Spanish struggle.

Yes, Toller's end was tragic. When he was last in England, trying to prevail upon the British Government to organize help for the refugees, I was laid up with a gash in my head, but I nevertheless wrote him begging him to come to see me. He must have received the

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Paris August 3rd 1939.

Dearest beloved Emotekha,

Several days ago, we received the
seventy five dollars, and gave them out as follows:

50.00 Jeanne Berneri for the Italian comrades

12.50 Rudolf Michaelis for the German comrades

12.50 Mercedes Comoposada for the Spanish women comrades.

for all these you will find receipts exactly as you asked for.

All of them promised me that they will write you immediately---
and have already done so.

Do not be surprised to find two more copies of letters
from the camps. They are very good letters. And it seems to me
that they can help you in your grand work which you are doing in
Canada. I hope you do not regret having gone there. This time,
you seem to accomplish miracles for our unfortunate refugees, far
above of what you could have done in London, isn't it so?

The death of Michael Cohen was a terrible shock to us.
Too bad! He still looked so youthful and was very much alive in
spirit! Another good friend and comrade gone!

Forgive this brief note, dearest. I am in great haste.
Keep well and take care of yourself. There will be a lot of work
for us for the winter. May be you can take a rest some where
near the shore? You ought to do it.

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August 4th, 1939.

My Dear Rudolf, Dearest Milly:

I have your letters of June 24th and 30th and yours dear Millie of the 10th of June. This time I am the guilty one, having kept you both waiting so long for a reply. Ascribe my tardiness to the numerous birthday greetings I have received from various parts of Europe, Canada and the United States. I never believed I meant so much to our comrades, and I was deeply moved by their token of solidarity and affection. This time their token was not only idle words but also in a number of substantial gifts. I need not tell you how much all this meant to me, especially now when I want so much to ~~do~~ do something for our Spanish comrades to relieve, if only in a small measure, their terrible suffering. I have been at work answering all the letters and messages which took up all of July. In fact would have had to devote the rest of the summer had I not succeeded in finding a stenographer who has helped me greatly in clearing my desk from the veritable mountains of letters. I am glad to say that I am nearly through, though not quite entirely.

sd I have received a wonderful letter from Helmut Rudiger. He must have written you the same contents. Nevertheless I am enclosing it and I must ask you darling Millie to return it just as soon as you and Rudolf will have read it. I am also enclosing a copy of my reply. You will see that my attitude to Mariano coincides ~~at~~ with ~~that~~ of Helmut. I don't see how it can be otherwise, in view of the fact that we both have looked on the gigantic Spanish panorama with the same clear eyes, and with a great deal of feeling for our wonderful comrades. Like Helmut, I was quite aware of some of the short-comings of Meriano, especially his violent aggressive way in dealing with the comrades which always repelled everyone. Indeed it also repelled me when I first came in contact with him. It was only after a number of interviews with him, and the last which I described in my letter to friends of mine in Paris and also quoted in my letter to Helmut, that I learned to evaluate Meriano's terrific driving force and his consecration to the struggle. In fact he was the type of man who grew on one once one was able to get under his skin. Also his letters helped me much to appreciate him, his last one, particularly, which you have read. He was so pathetic in his complaint that I had permitted Santillan to circulate my letter to him. He was, however, entirely wrong in his appraisal of the comrades from the FAI. In point of fact, Meriano suffered from a persecution mania towards the end which I am certain, was never intended by the comrades of the opposition. Anyway, I feel his death as a great personal sorrow and he certainly cannot be

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replaced in our ranks.

*signed
Emma*

You are quite right when you say that there really is no reason to rejoice in living under the present ghastly conditions in the world, but those of us who cannot die before their time, must go on against all odds and make what they can of whatever years left them ~~when~~ ^{until} the final moment arrives to pay their toll. I frankly admit that I shouldn't continue but for the fact of the tragic situation of our Spanish comrades. Now, I am not deceived about what I have done or what I can do for them. Nevertheless I am driven by the desire to try and try again to raise a few dollars that will help to rescue, if not all of them, in the terrible camps, at least a few. It is for this reason that I have started a new campaign in connection with the fifty years of my active service in the Anarchist ranks. The 15th of this month it will be exactly fifty years when I left Rochester and went to New York with just \$5.00 in my pocket and my sewing machine which was sent by express, *and* which was to give me a living. It was certainly an ~~ominous~~ day for it was then when I met Sasha and Most, two people who had a deciding effect on my destiny. I am writing the comrades not to wait until I will be dead to place a monument on my grave -- I want them to express their tribute in helping me to create an Emma Goldman Spanish Re-Patriation Testimonial by means of public dinners where appeals can be made. The one here will take place the 30th of September with Rose Pesotta as guest speaker. A similar affair is to be arranged in New York and Chicago and other American cities. I would love nothing better than to have you present at the New York affair and to say something about the fifty years, provided of course, it will in no way injure your status in America. I don't know what success I will have with the scheme, but I must try it in order to find peace from the ever-present gnawing anxiety about our people.

You will see in my letter to Helmut that I wrote about the humiliations which our comrades are suffering everywhere. From a letter from Ethel Mannin and Ralph Barr, I see that the Spanish comrades in London are also not treated with kid gloves. It is heart breaking that they submit to it. I am not surprised because I know the shop-keeper traits of the Britishers which is just as much part and parcel of the English Radical as it is of the ordinary man of the street. I am sure this explains perhaps better than all else why I failed so utterly to rouse interest in my work for the CNT-FAI and SIA during the two and a half years when I was stationed in London. Instead of gathering people around, I have made enemies to the extent that my integrity is now being put in question. Would you believe it that the suggestion was made that the SIA books should be audited by a public accountant. It would be tragic if it were not so funny. I enclose a copy of my answer to this latest stunt of some people who have posed as my friends. I am certain that the idea did not emanate from Ethel Mannin - she is too fine for that. But she submitted it to me which was more than enough. Naturally I had to decline, not

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because my slate is not clear^w but simply because the CNT-FAI finances were not a commercial proposition, because money used for certain purposes cannot possibly be submitted to public accountants, and finally because my responsibility was and is to the Spanish comrades, and to no-one else. But you can see, my dear, that in spite of fifty years in the movement, one still runs the risk of being questioned which is a bitter pill to swallow. It is nevertheless all in a day's work.

I wish I were able to report that the proposed tour through Western Canada is already in working shape. It looked very promising at first but it now seems that the people who ~~were~~ at first expressed willingness to undertake the arrangements of meetings in Winnipeg and other Western cities, have lost heart. They are willing enough if someone else will take the responsibility, but they are unwilling to take the initiative. However, blessed Jeanne is in touch with some people in Winnipeg and in her usual ~~optimistic~~ optimism which is so infectious, she hopes to pull through the venture of my speaking in the West. Also, she intends to join me in Winnipeg and help in the meetings and with the literature. So that's that. I can't imagine what I will do if the West should fail. Toronto, especially during the summer, is a beautiful city, but it is as dull as dishwater when it comes to ideas. True, we can have a few lectures but not enough to fill out a whole winter. Perhaps if we had means for free meetings we might get substantial audiences. But as we have not, we must charge admission, at least to cover expenses. Fortunately I will not have to depend on that until the end of this year. Well, we will see.

We are going to have another ^{meeting} in Windsor the 22nd of September and possibly also cover cities in between. All that is in the lap of the Gods. There is proposition which may force me to buckle down to writing, - in that case also to give up the tour as I could not possibly do both. I had a letter from Don Levine urging me strongly to use my material sent me from Spain for a book of about 70,000 words. He thinks that the Krivitsky articles and the articles in the New York Times by Maquistain, have roused great interest in the pernicious activities of the Stalin gang in Spain. Don is coming here to talk the matter over but of course, I have no intention of writing in the void. Sasha and I have done it once too often. If I am to take out five six months of my life, it will have to be in advance on royalties, and not otherwise. Then there is the question of sufficient material which I could use in the book. Of course I had the stuff that was sent out from Barcelona, copies of which I sent you. Unfortunately, the collapse came before the rest of the material could be shipped. I have sent letters to Mollie and to Souhy by Trans-Atlantic airmail to get hold of Herrera and several others who might supply me with more material. By the way, Herrera wrote me that he has sent you

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material which was also intended for me. I will, therefore, have to ask you, in case something comes of the proposition of the book, to let me have whatever he sent you which I will have Olay translate and use in the book. In fact I should like to see the material anyway, or at least get a gist from you what it is all about. You understand that if I am to write a book it will be mainly to expose the dastardly acts of the Communists in Spain. Does the material Hererra sent you deal with that? Let me know.

I have had a few visitors only for one or two days, among them Jeanne and J., Rose Pesotta and Powers Hapgood, Harry Kelly, Minna Lowensohn and Rachelle Sinclair and also my nephew Allen Goldman. He is a very beautiful boy but his father's death, four years ago, has quite changed his future. But then, no one knows one's future in our present time. The 13th I am expecting Ruth, her lovely girl, her husband and Pauline Turkel. I had also hoped Fizzi would come but she lost her job on the WPA and now wants to use every minute in search for another job. It is certainly terrible what was done to hundreds and thousands of people by the withdrawal of the WPA.

red I don't hear from Teddy and also not from Ian who has returned from Europe with a young wife. I had to implore Saxe to give me some news of Stella. The thought of her is like a ~~fire~~ ^{fire} I think of it day and night. Well, the information is rather encouraging. You probably know she went down to 95 lbs. - she now weighs 118 which is considerable and of great importance in the process of her recovery. She is being permitted to go for drives every week with Teddy or Ian or Saxe. She seems to be less excitable. She still suffers from the idea fixe that she cannot digest her food and therefore must not eat. Nevertheless when Teddy took her to a restaurant, she relished stuffed crabs which she was very fond of in the past. She also attended a dinner which Dorothy gave Ian in honor of his young wife and Saxe writes that Stella was in splendid trim in her "true mayfair style". All this holds out hopes that she may really recover, though there is no saying how long it will take.

Darling Milly this letter is a reply not only to Rudolf, but also to your letters, so I do not have to repeat myself. I am, however enclosing a letter I received from Nellie Harris containing a lot about unfortunate Emmy. Sad as her suffering was, the number of things Nellie writes are all so funny so very much like what Emmy would say and do. In any event she died with the knowledge that her grave would be as beautiful as Sasha's and would have a tablet telling the world of her suffering. That French friend of hers must be an exceptional man indeed for I have never known a Frenchman to do so much for a woman unless she was his mistress. As if that matters. Yes, it was funny if it were not so sad.

Good-bye my dears. Write me when the spirit moves you and your time dear Rudolf, permits you to answer this letter. What about your autobiography? How far are you? With love to Fernin and you too my beloved friends.

*Have to say dear Emma
still hanging out England? I loath
it. He very mad at my return
make me serious. My love to all*

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August 4th, 1939.

My Dear Helmut:

I was delighted to get your letter of the 16th of July. I have already written you that the e-bis signal by you and Bern was received among many other cables and telegrams that came to me on the 27th of June. I confess I did not expect such a demonstration of solidarity and affection. The only country where I seemed to have left no impression whatever, was England. I lived there for two and half years during my Spanish work. Prior to that I came to England nearly every year to lecture. I lived in London between 1924 to 1925, yet in all this time I did not succeed in arousing interest in our ideals or gathering around me the few comrades left in England from the forty years' activities of some of our greatest, Kropotkin, Malatesta, Rocker, and many others. Far from any response on their part, they kept busy bickering and gossiping about my "historical" methods in carrying on the work for Spain. This is the reason why no one except a few personal friends, outside of our ranks, cared about my anniversary enough to send me a greeting. Do not think that I permit this to worry me, I've gone through too many experiences of a heart-breaking nature with our own comrades and I have survived them all. I suppose I will survive the indifference and blood-freezing callousness on the part of the half dozen English anarchists.

I was very much interested in what you say about Mariano. You have no idea how much your attitude coincides with mine. About two weeks ago I wrote the *Kardnash's* the following regarding Mariano's work in the Spanish Movement — "I knew Mariano's shortcomings, perhaps better than any others, not only because I had occasion to be with him a great deal but also because he somehow had taken me to his heart as his mother. I remember my visit with him and Martin on the outskirts of Barcelona high up on the 7th floor. His previous home had been bombed and he and his family came near losing their lives. His new quarters were absolutely barren except for two beds, a table and chairs. As we went up the stairs he said to Martin 'Tell him that I am being charged with having sold myself to Nazism'. Naturally I took it as a joke and I replied, 'Your price must have been very small judging by the emptiness and darkness in the quarters'. On that occasion he spoke with a great deal of feeling about the whole situation in Spain. He considered it imperative to cling to the last in the Anti-Fascist struggle. Again and again he replied, 'Never will we go down in history as having permitted Nazism to win'. He always knew that it is because of his obsession as indeed the obsession of all the Spaniards, that being the first in the world to rise against Nazism that must also be the last as the last of the world's people are responsible for the condemnation of Nazism and all other such."

I am just as certain as you are that there is no one in our Spanish ranks who understands his terrible duty, working separately

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and tremendous drive. To be sure, he was intellectually limited, in that he was essentially Catalan. Naturally, he could not possibly have the wide vision of a Sentillan who had lived many years abroad and was, therefore, "a good European". At the same time, we must admit that during 1936-37 Sentillan and the rest of the members of the FAI were greatly responsible for whatever compromises the CNT has made. In other words, Valquer was by no means the only one who was willing to submit to the iron rule of Stalin. In point of fact, Sentillan's consent to the many contradictions between practice and his ideas was more lamentable in that just S. was intellectually above M., and that also he knew Stalin's hand in Russia that had stabbed the revolution in the back. He should have been more consistent if the Spanish situation had permitted such a thing at all. I was, therefore, somewhat impatient with S. and the other comrades of the FAI who, in 1938, laid all the blame on the shoulders of Mariano.

I understood as you have, my dear, that the methods used by our Spanish comrades was imposed upon them by the outside world, not the least among them, the utter indifference of the international proletariat. And, of course, the iron rule forced upon them by Stalin and his henchmen. Only this morning I have received a remarkable letter by a chap who was in the International Brigade. He went to Spain as an ardent Communist and he came out cursing the Stalin regime in no un mistaken manner. Among other things, he writes, "if the dead of the International Brigade could come to life, their indictment would brand Stalin and the Communists with letters of fire until the whole world would see, even the blind fanatics among them, the treachery committed by the Communists in Spain against the letter and spirit of the Revolution and the Anti-fascist war". Of course, you and I know this to be true, but it is a great deal if earnest and sincere men formerly devout believers in the blessings of Soviet Russia have come to their senses while at the front fighting Franco. You know the saying, my dear, "the mills of the Gods grind slowly but they grind very fine".

I also agree with you in what you say about the "opposition". It is an old story that defeat of a great beginning brings out all sorts of superficial criticisms and condemnations. Usually it is conditioned in the very fact that people finding themselves in alien lands with all their hopes and aspirations broken, dig into their own flesh and also into the flesh of their comrades. They blame them for all misfortunes rather than to face the fact that they themselves had contributed much to the general debacle. Take a man like Prieto. I was given to understand that before the Revolution he was of the ultra-fanatical Revolutionary kind and that no method was revolutionary enough for him. Imagine such a man retrograding into a reformer of the palest soul. I simply cannot understand such a turn in mind, although it is usually the case that extremists at one period in their lives, become spineless when faced with the least failure of their extreme ideas.

I confess I never could warm up to Prieto. I remember the trip we made together from Valencia to Barcelona. Soumy was with me and Prieto was with his wife. Not one word of comradeship did the man utter on the whole trip. I wanted very much to visit several collect-

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lives on the way, especially the fisheries but Prieto was bound to reach Barcelona as quickly as possible. So while I was dozing off commanded the chauffeur to go right on. When I woke up I was indignant to find that the original plan was not carried out. His indifference to the purpose of my visit in Spain affected me unpleasantly, but that is only a minor phase in the many others which repelled me in Prieto. He seemed to be careercrass more than anything else. He was only one of the numerous of the CNT and even the FI who were too small for the gigantic sweep of the Revolution, and who, therefore, became the loudest in their accusations against men like M.V. and the others who were determined to permit nothing to stand in the way of the success of the Spanish struggle.

I cannot tell you how unhappy I feel that Mariano should have been hurt because of the copy of my letter to him which I sent to Santillan and which the latter used to add fuel to the fires of the opposition. It was the last letter Mariano wrote me, bitterly complaining that though he knew I did not mean to hurt him the fact nevertheless remains that Santillan had made use of my criticisms of him in the mind of the refugees. I was about to write to Mariano and explain to him that I certainly had no intention of hurting him, much less to have the letter circularized, but before I got to it, Mariano was dead. I feel it a great sorrow that has come to my personal life as well as to our Movement. I wonder how his wife and children are getting along now. I have written to Souhy to let her know.

Yes, you are right, Orobon was the clearest head in Spain. The greater the pity that he died just when he was most needed. I really don't know anyone else who could compare with Orobon's clarity, his organizational ability and his wonderful effect on everybody he came in contact with. It is certain that his death was the deepest thrust into the vitals of the Spanish Revolution. All together, the Spanish struggle has received so many wounds by its enemies and not the least also by some of its friends. No wonder it is bleeding from a thousand wounds. Often I ask myself the question, which is the deeper tragedy, the collapse of the great beginning or the present situation of the Spanish refugees. To me it is horrible to think that such a proud people as the Spaniards, people who have shown themselves so heroic, should now be at the mercy of everyone in and outside of the French camps. A recent example which came from London made me feel sick and nauseated.

This is what happened -- You remember the fifty refugees whom I discovered on the same boat on the way from Paris to London? I left them in charge of a committee that would look after their needs. Well it develops that most of the group were distributed in different small towns near London. You can imagine their lives there without the language, without work, and with very little means of existence. In such conditions it is bad enough to be in small French villages, but in English towns, deadly dull at best, the lives of our comrades must be exasperating. Well, six of them with Prada at the head, insisted on remaining in London and having a small flat where they can do their own cooking and live more or less their lives in a Spanish atmosphere rather

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Helmut Rüdiger,

than in the blood-freezing surroundings of the English villages. One would imagine they asked for something extravagant and luxurious - it aroused such a storm of indignation amongst some of our English friends. How dare they pay 30 shillings per week when they could live out in a colony for 9 shillings per person, food included, and how dare they want a telephone and a lot more. It didn't occur to these good people that our Spanish comrades may need to be able at least to speak their own tongue over the telephone with their comrades and also to establish contacts in England. So you see, my dear, what it means to be dependent on the "kind help" given the refugees. For myself, I can say with absolute sincerity, that I would prefer to end my life from a firing squad than go through daily and hourly humiliations which is the lot of the Spanish refugees at the present time.

And so Oliver has reached Sweden. I am glad of that, of course. You are probably right when you say he succeeded better than others in getting a visa because of the ministerial fellow-feeling of the Swedish minister for him. But whatever the reason, I am glad he succeeded in finding a asylum and getting away from the "tender mercies" of the French Government. But I can sympathize with you in wanting to choose someone else to help in the Spanish work rather than Oliver. I confess that like Prieto, Garcia Oliver impressed me very unpleasantly, though in another way. I think he has short-lived position of minister of justice had gone to his head and made him strut about like a peacock just bursting with conceit. I can stand almost anything except that. Perhaps I was mistaken. I certainly do not want to wrong him, but his part, like Montseny's, in the May events, left a very bitter taste in my mouth. There is no doubt that these comrades by their appeal to the masses to go back to the factories, marked the beginning of the collapse of the Spanish Revolution. I only hope that they have learned a lesson never to act as reformists again.

Dear Helmut, please do send me the translation of the Spanish material as soon as possible. There is something on foot which may or may not make me write a book on Spain. A friend of mine who is coming here to speak to me about it, suggested the idea. He tells me that Krivitsky articles in the New York Saturday Post and the articles by Aracustain in the New York Sunday Times, have roused tremendous interest in the treachery of Stalin. My friend whose name is Isaac Ben Levine and who is the translator of the Krivitsky article, is himself a well-known Journalist in America. He is in a position to know the psychological importance of a book by one who, like myself, is known in the States. I have some of the fine material. Unfortunately, the collapse came before Martin was able to send out the rest. I have no idea who has it all. I have written Mollie and Gouchy letters by Trans-Atlantic Air Mail begging them to get hold of Herrera and Martin to send me whatever material they have reasoned. Naturally, I would return everything intact and would give credit to the source from which I would quote. I am particularly interested in material giving data of Communist activities in Spain. It is most important to expose this at the present time. I wonder if you could let me have something. It does not matter if it is in Spanish because a Spanish comrade in Chicago would translate it into English. That would be of great help to me.

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Emma Goldman

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TORONTO August 5th 39
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My dearest own Fitz. A letter from Pauline tells me you may not come along with her, Ruth and Bob after all because you feel that you must spend every hour in search for a job. I understand that perfectly. And yet I feel that a weeks rest and relief from job hunting might do you a world of good, and take you back to New York in better condition for the ordeal of job searching. Do you not think so? Of course it will be a great disappointment to me if you do not come. I long so to see you again and have you near me. However, I must not add to your troubles. Only I want you to know that I do want you my honey, so very much.

The inclosed card from ben R. speaks for itself. His inordinate exhibitionism grows worse with the years. Anything to be in the lime light, to have sensational stories about him. He fairly thrives on that. Arthur Leonard Ross sent me the part of Bens so called biography dealing with me. It was sensational enough. I did not know what to do about it. After all, I cannot prevent people from writing any damned nonsense about me they want. Still, if it were possible to prevail upon Ben to hold over the appearance of the Hetz book until my case is decided one way or another, it would ~~not~~ certainly do no harm. Have you written Ben? Perhaps you do not like to do it. If so let it go my dear. One cannot defend one's self from slimy individuals, can one?

Marling Fitz, unless you still decide on coming to me please tell me if you want and will be able to undertake the dinner in re the E.G. Spanish Relief Testimonial. Minna Lowesohn wants to do something about it, and Harry W. wrote he would help. A letter from little Mollie Steimer with letters from some of the refugees in the ghastly French camps have increased my misery over the purgatory our people are going through. I feel certain if we do not help to rescue them within the near future more will perish than those who are already gone and they can be counted in ~~hundreds~~. It is for this reason that I am so eager on making use of the fifty years active service in the Anarchist ranks. Anyhow let me know what you think of the proposition unless you still decide to come along. In that case we can talk over the venture you, Pauline and I.

With loads of love.

Emma

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TORONTO Aug. 8th 39
ONTARIO

Cultura Proletaria
P.O. Box 1, Station D.
New York City.

Dear Comrades. Please see that Santillan get the inclosed letter without delay. It is of the utmost importance that it should reach him quickly.

I wonder why I never hear from you. Perhaps you did not know that I am in Canada and that I will most likely be stationed here for quite some time. Please send me your paper. I feel terribly cut off from our Spanish comrades in France and from the things going on in Spain. I see by this mornings papers that our galant comrades continue the fight regardless of all danger and death. I am sure only the Spanish people are capable of such marvelous ~~heroism~~ heroism and sacrifice.

Please let me hear from you soon.

Fraternal greetings to all the comrades, also to Garcia whom I met again after many years in Barcelona in 37.

Fraternally.

Emma Goldman

Let me know when you succeed in getting the inclosed letter to Santillan.

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[1-08-39?]

Dear Emma,

Your letter arrived when I had just posted my reply to your ~~last~~ previous ~~not done~~. It is a pity that you should have known my personal opinions about you from other people, but perhaps it is as well that you know them. After all, whenever I tried to tell you when you were in London I could not get ^{far} as the slightest criticism aroused you so much, and to continue was out of the question. The trouble you see is that you have been spoilt during the last I-don't-know-how-many years by all kinds of intellectuals and pseudo-intellectuals that you have not only convinced yourself that you are always right - and therefore ~~in~~ above criticism but you have always believed everybody else incapable of doing anything unless under your personal direction. Now, with my "youthful arrogance" I have dared to express certain opinions with regard to your sacred person, and strangely enough it has reacted rather violently on you to judge by your last letter. After all even if you have proved to your satisfaction (not to mine as I will show you later) that I am the individualist ~~par excellence~~ it still does not deter from the fact that you are an authoritarian and in your old age a very vain person. In fact your letter more than proves my point. For instance, the fact that I suggested that you would like to run the movement here from the other side of the Atlantic (and don't think I am the only person to make such suggestions) is proved in your remark "my credential for the London Section of the SIA still stands good" and that you had right of decision as to ~~my~~ Ethel's withdrawal from the treasury-ship. As I understand things, when someone hands over to someone else, ~~they~~ ^{they} say any further say in the matter of administration in an official capacity. Presumably you, Emma Goldman, are an exception.

Now, as to my individualism. As a rule the individualist lives and acts in ~~such~~ such a way that he satisfies his ego - his ambitious designs. I have been an "individualist" through force of circumstances, not through ambition. (The fact that many comrades believed you or Tom Keell as having been editor of the paper, I hope exonerates me from the charges of editing the paper for my own personal aggrandisement). That I am not an individualist by nature is shown by the fact that when I saw that there were comrades who showed keen interest in the paper, I handed everything over to the movement, and the paper has been since edited by a group.

I said earlier in my letter that I would disprove your charges of individualism made in the third paragraph of your letter. I do so, just to show you how even you can be unjust when ~~your~~ your vanity has been pricked. I agree with all you say about your interest in Spain and the World. It would have indeed been odd had you as CNT-FAI representative here ignored the work the paper was doing on behalf of our comrades. I also agree that you introduced both Ethel Mamin and Herbert Read to the paper; it was also the kindest thing you did for me personally as since then I have got to know these comrades more intimately and have greatly benefited by their advice and friendship.

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According to you I showed my gratitude by starting the Orphans Fund at the same time as you launched your appeal for the evacuated women and children. That is untrue as you well know. The orphans fund was started at the end of February 1937 long before you started the SIA in England etc.. IN fact, when you held the first meeting for SIA I handed over £25 from our funds to give your fund a start. Furthermore I "collected immense amounts of money from sources which would have supported my work all of which I dumped on the Emma Masnon Colony". Again untrue from the first word to the last, because most of the money we collected came from the Italian and Spanish groups in America, the addresses of which were given me by the comrades of the ADUNATA. Hundreds of dollars in fact were sent to the Adunata by its readers to be forwarded to our fund. In any case, even if supposing these were sources from which you could draw money why should Emma Goldman have the monopoly? I should mention here that I particularly refrained from making appeals for money in this country, with circulars etc. because I felt that the SIA could more effectively cover this ground. As regards the disposal of this money, I beg to disagree with your remark that "we dumped the money in Masnou". We sent a total of £300 to Masnou. If the Barcelona SIA spent double that amount in feeding the children it only reflects (and confirms information I have received) on the inefficiency of the SIA in Spain. I have just finished drafting the accounts for our Orphans Fund and when copies will be ready I will have the pleasure of sending you one, and after perusal, I hope you will agree with me that the money has been carefully allocated.

Regarding the Reconstruction Pamphlet, I knew that you would bring that stupid question up again. Let me again try to explain things to you. I let you have the 2000 copies for £10 in view of the fact that you were going to send them all out gratis. I could not possibly let you have them at that price for resale. You will see from the Spain and the World balance sheet which I will also send you, that the pamphlet cost us £13 per 2000 copies. Any how the orders that came in from the Trade Union branches amounted to about 500 copies, surely a negligible amount for the Bureau which had so much money to spend on propaganda and salaries.

"You made use of gas and electricity..never showing solidarity or willingness to share". Firstly remember that we contributed to the decoration of Frith St; we contributed half the cost of the 4 SIA bulletins and paid 10/- every week for rent. In view of the fact that we used practically no gas or electricity in worth speaking of, I felt that our rent ought to cover what we did use. But then again, one day you decide to take matters into your own hands and you virtually confiscate £2 which you had received from Margaret de Silver months before and which you had promised for SP. & Wld. saying that you would keep it as our contribution to the gas and light bill. That attitude is not dictatorial I suppose?

I have dealt with the points you raised as examples of my individualism. Having settled these matters allow me to explain a few "grudges" I have against you, and which I must confess have made me change considerably, and have prompted me to pass certain remarks about you which would have never even entered my head two years ago.

The first is that because you are Emma Goldman all matters of importance connected with the movement must be focussed on to your person.

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Thus throughout the Spanish war all contact with the Spanish comrades was through you and we learnt what you wanted us to learn about what was happening in Spain. You visited Spain three times and not once did you give us the true picture of the position there. Only now, that we are able to have something from our Spanish comrades (who presumably have more faith in Marie Louise and myself than you have) do I realize that you gave us one side of the picture and kept the rest to yourself. You had a whole documentation on the treachery of the Communists in Spain, but would not part with it. "I will give these documents to the world" you cried out at Memorial Hall, but neither have you given it to the world, nor have you allowed anyone else to do so. Now it is too late, ^{they} will ^{be} of use only to the old gentlemen who write history and interpret it according to their requirements.

On more than one occasion you showed your intolerance with me. Once for instance I drew your attention to certain charges which had been directed against Carlo Tresca by our Comrades of the ADUNATA. "Oh! that dirty sheet" was your reply. Simply because a few years before they had reproduced ^{unfavourably} ~~my~~ review of LIVING MY LIFE. You were not in the least concerned ^{with} the fact that your letters of congratulations to TRESCA ~~ADUNATA~~ was used by his paper IL MARTELLO (in great headlines over the top) in order to say "You see the Adunata attacks me but Emma Goldman sends me her congratulations for having worked with the District Attorney. If E.G. approves of me I must be a good comrade". The result was not a good one on the comrades who were in the position of not being quite certain. On one side the Adunata denounces him (and I know that they have documents to support their charges and on the other side Emma Goldman showering praise and patting him on the back. At the very least, you might have given the comrades of the ADUNATA a fair hearing.

Really the whole trouble lies in the fact that the name Emma Goldman should mean more than George Smith or Jones or Brown. The Anarchists like other organisations and parties create their little gods; and their little gods enjoy their privileged position and the notoriety and publicity they get out of it. As a rule they become impossible people. Only a very few resist the temptation (witness Spain and the "bureaucratisation" of the leadership in Catalonia). They enjoy the publicity and the headlines. Some even go to the trouble to publish reports from the Capitalist Press; revel in these headlines "Red Emma Loves Cathedrals" (or words to that effect); or go to the trouble of printing the greetings of a Vasquez (a most unsuccessful politician!) so that others may see that you are really a God ~~xxxx~~ "and our spiritual mother"....Well, well...

"If there be any in this assembly, any dear friend of Caesar's to him I say that Brutus' love to Caesar was no less than his. if then that friend demand why Brutus rose against Caesar, this is my answer! Not that I loved Caesar less, but that I loved Rome more.... As Caesar loved me, I weep for him; as he was fortunate I rejoice at it; as he was valiant, I honour him; but as he was ambitious I slew him. There is tears for his love; ... honour for his valour; and death for his ambition"

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August 10th 39

Dearest Fitz. Just got your letter with Bens letter inclosed. I am sorry I ever asked you to write him in re the socalled biography by Elmer Gertz and Nat Milton. I might have known that Ben will lie as he always has that he did not know they were doing the story. They would never have dared to write it though they are the worst and most unscrupulous sensationalists if they did not first get Bens consent. Now, since sensationalism and the craving for the limelight have always been Bens' craze ~~xxx~~ increased with his mounting years it is certain that he must have fallen all over Gertz and the other man when they offered to write about him. Anything better than silence, I must say for the two rotten ~~as~~ I think they are that, they had at least the decency to submit the chapters about me to Arthur Leonard Ross. Arthur sent them to me but what could I do? I could not sue them for libel. I would not go to Court for such creepy writing. In point of fact I give a damn what they say about me. It will be taken out of L.M.L. and given a greasy souce anyhow. It is only that the whole business was engeneered by Ben.

Poor, martyred Ben, I made him out a thief. I did nothing of the kind. I discribed Bens character seeing himself in every book he ever read and becoming obsessed by it as he did with Boyers work ~~The~~ CONFESSION, and by Lawrence SONS and ~~MONTAGNE~~ and so many others. ~~xxxx~~ As if I cared what he did for his mother, or how much he gave her. It was the underhand way he used, the lies he told when the receipts proved short. As he did with the hundred and more women he confronted me with. I thought it was all dead and burried. But there is no escaping Ben. He clings like a leech. For three years I refused to answer a single letter. Than like a fool I broke my silence. He has inundated me with letters to his women, his son, his daughter, his sensational work and the rest. But as I said there is no end to a stupid step one takes in ones life. There is no doubt that the Gertz book will drag me through the mire. But as I said, I cannot invoke the Court against the book. I ~~am~~ so weary from it all. I must let the rotten business take its course. Besides, the tragedy of Spain and the suffering of our comrades shove everything else in the back ground. Ben and his affairs pale into nothingness in the face of this overwhelming calamity.

Dearest, Ruth wrote me that you cannot come. I am deeply sorry but I understand. Perhaps later you might be able to come. Alright about seeing those who want to help with the dinner. Harry W. said he would. Epstein might and there must be others. By the way,

the letter you got up in re my 70th anniversary was so beautiful and tactful I want to ask you to suggest a letter in re the thirty years for a permanent testimonial fund. I inclose some suggestions C.V. Cook has made for a letter. Let me know what you think of it and send back the inclosed. Speaking about inclosures darling I am sorry but I have

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not the remotest idea what I did with that Siegel letter to Harry. If I have not returned it it must have gotten in the waste basket. It was a creased piece of yellow paper I remember. I certainly did not consider it of importance. I am terribly sorry, but do not know what to do. Perhaps I did return it to ~~Harry~~ Harry. Please ask him.

I do hope you will land a job. I understand Paul Robeson is coming back to play in a new play. Could you not get connected with him? He has changed towards his friends or ~~but~~ it was only towards me because he is under the sway of the Moscow outfit. But surely he has no reasons to change towards you. I hope he is still ~~big~~ too big for that.

Goodby dearest. Let me know about the inclosed or send me your suggestion for a striking appeal for the E.G. Spanish Re Patriation Testimonia.

With love.

Emma

*a course
Ben sent
a copy of
your letter
to me*

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Emma Goldman

235 VAUGHAN ROAD

TORONTO, August 12th 39

ONTARIO

Dearest Rose. I delayed answering yours of July 25th with \$2. enclosed, partly because I was busy answering all the mail that came for June 27th, about hundred letters and cables and telegrams had to be acknowledged, and partly because I wanted to be able to tell you definitely about the dinner here. Well, I worked three weeks, with a typist, for part of the time to clear my desk. Not that there are not still a lot of letters to write, but the bulk at least has been attended to. I can therefore write you and a few other neglected friends.

Well, the Dinner is definitely set for Sept 30th which is a Saturday as you wish it. I hope you will not permit anything to interfere with your being present, because we are stressing the fact that you will be our guest speaker. So far it has been too beastly hot to canvass unions and the Arbeiter Ring to invite them to attend the Dinner, but soon they will be holding their sessions and our people will then cover the two bodies. Joe Desser and Tom Meelis both being good union men will cover unions, Seltzer, Steinberg and Langbord will go to the Workman's Circle. Then we will get out an invitation for a lot of the middle class liberals. I do not know who of these will attend but we will invite them to. We made the price of the Dinner only \$1. so those who work should not find it too difficult to attend. And those who are unemployed could not attend anyhow. However we will have about 12 of our own comrades out of work to attend as our guests.

The programme will be very nice as we will have three talented artists in a musicale, violinist, pianist and a singer. Then the speeches of the Union and Workman's Circle delegates, and of course you and I. I hope my dearest you will make the appeal for the E.G. Spanish Repatriation testimonial. For that is the purpose of the Dinner and my fifty years in the movement. A fund to rescue, if not all, at least some of our people, in the frightful pestholes in France.

That will be fine if you can sell the remaining 8 copies of MY DISILLUSIONMENT. In point of fact the book is more timely now in the light of the terrible events in Russia and what Stalin did in Spain than when it first appeared. But if you cannot sell them send them to Jeanne. While I am on the question of sales, you know I suppose that Jeanne has published at her own expense my essay on THE PLACE OF THE INDIVIDUAL IN SOCIETY. If I say so myself, it is none the less true, that it is among my best pieces of writing. It grew out of an article HARPERS MAGAZINE ordered when I was in the States five years ago. I worked a month over the damn thing and then it was returned by the editor of HARPERS with the view that it was "TOO ACADEMIC AND SCHOLARLY". So I wrote another article in a more popular vein and not revised the first article for a brochure. The fact that I stress the place of the individual in society should appeal to many readers in that the individual today has been crushed by the totalitarian gang. It is therefore doubly important to show the place of the individual in society.

Then there is my pamphlet TROTSKY PROTESTS TOO MUCH which

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As you will agree is also most important now. Is there any possibility to make a bid to unions with these brochures? Jeanne published the Individual essay because she thought she might dispose of ten thousand copies thus raising \$1000 for me. Of course she cannot do it herself. Can you help in attracting the attention of your organisation. I would be only too willing that half of the money realized should go to the fund I want to create for our martyred refugees. Let me know what you think of this proposition. Perhaps Powers might help. It's not so much the money as far as I am concerned as the educational value of the two pamphlets and of course some money for our Spaniards. Anyhow do tell me what you think of the matter and if you can help.

You wrote me in one of your letters that you have written to the Educational Dept of your organization in re a talk of fifteen minutes for a record. Have you heard from your people? You know it was you who put this bee in my bonnet but I have not the least idea how to go about it. And as nothing has come or will from Roger Baldwin's boast that he can get the broadcasting people to let me speak over the air I would like to know how to manage the record and just how much it is likely to cost. Please let me know all particulars as soon as possible. Our dear Jeanne Levey wants even two records. I wish I knew what can be done about it.

The proposed tour through Western Canada looks very vague. There are people in Winnipeg and maybe in one or two other towns who are willing to help if someone else takes the initiative. There lies the crux of the matter, no one to take the initiative. I don't know what I will do if nothing comes of the Western venture. I can hope for very little in this city. Quebec as you know is excluded altogether. So what? I certainly cannot go back to England. I could not bear it any longer. Of course I might write a book on my experience in Spain. I have important material for that and I could get more. For any other work I would need to be near the International Institute for Social History which now has all Sasha's and my stuff. I would write something on Spain but there is no incentive unless one has the assurance of a publisher. Sasha and I have written in the void so much I cannot do it again. All in all I am between the devil and the deep sea, "as usual" you will say. ~~Quite~~ Quite. Only it does not add to one's comforts when one is on in age. Perhaps my next letter will be more cheerful. Forgive me this time for my plaint.

With love.

Emma

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TORONTO

ONTARIO

August 20, 1939.

Dear old Hutch:

You have remained the old sinner. You failed to reply to my letter in answer to your beautiful tribute to Sasha and then you reproach me with never writing you. However, since you were so ill all your sins are forgiven. Believe me I was delighted to hear from you and very glad indeed to know that you have come out on top after so many months of illness. In this mad world of ours one's physical well being is indispensable if one wants to meet the stress and strain of life. It was this that has saved me so far from the hectic and trying last years. Sasha's end was a terrific blow. The tragic collapse of a great beginning in Spain was another, but here I am shuffling along -- at least physically all right if not mentally so.

You want to know what happened to me in Spain. It would take a whole book to tell you that. Perhaps I will yet write one. My field of speech-making is growing more limited every day. I may therefore be forced to take up writing in order to justify my existence. However, I can tell you now that Spain made the profoundest impression on me of anything that ever happened in my life -- much more so even than the Russian Revolution. Perhaps it was because in Spain the anarcho-syndicalists and anarchists as represented in the National Confederation of Labor and the Anarchist Federation of Iberia had made the first experiment in constructive work. I do not mean to say that their collectivization was complete Anarchy. Far from it. But it was the nearest beginning that ever happened in the history of the social struggle. You can readily see therefore why I was carried away and why I pinned my faith to my comrades in Spain. Alas it was expecting the superhuman for a group of people even if they had a membership of nearly three million to stand out against the conspiracy of the democracies, the treachery of the Soviet Government, and lastly but not least the indifference of the International Proletariat. And yet while the Spanish people have been defeated they are not conquered. Unlike the German and Italian people the Spanish militants love liberty beyond life itself. They continue their struggle even if it is in a ~~guerilla~~ guerilla way and they will never be content until they have conquered Fascism. It is my abiding faith in my Spanish comrades which helps me to go on regardless of all disappointments and difficulties.

I am delighted to know that you have written your autobiography. It should prove interesting reading. Thank you for including me in the rogue's gallery that your book will represent. It will interest you to know that I have been immortalized in two works which are to appear next month -- your's and a biography written about Ben R. by

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of
two the worst scandal-mongers who are under the delusion that they can write. But then isn't it just like Ben to select such men. I had hoped that the years would cure him of his pathological craving for the limelight, sensationalism and publicity; but he seems to have gotten worse in this respect. Some months ago several chapters of this so-called biography were sent to me. They consisted primarily of material filehed from Living My Life only given the sensational dressing. Having stood out for free press all my life I could not very well call in the law which I have fought to stop the miserable men whom Ben had selected to make him famous. You can imagine therefore that I am not very happy over the forthcoming book which is to drag me back into the limelight at the particular moment when friends of mine are trying to get me back to the States. There is unfortunately nothing I can do about it.

I don't know what you have written dear Hutch but I feel certain that it is motivated by the friendliest of feelings and that it lacks sensationalism. Best wishes for the success of your book.

Give my love to Neith. I have always cherished the kindest of memories of her. When you write again tell me what has become of your sons and daughter. I am stationed here indefinitely. Write me again soon.

With love,

Emma

under separate cover
I am sending you some
material of interest

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August 22, 1939

B. A. Golder
295 Vaux Hall
Toronto, Ontario

Dear Rose,

Today marks the 12th anniversary of Sacco-Vanzetti martyr-
dom and I am preparing to speak at an open air meeting on Thursday,
right here in the city of Boston where their death on the electric
chair on August 22, 1927, has not caused even a ripple on the smooth
surface in the lives of their blooded descendants of the Sons
and Daughters of the American Revolution.

Let us consider with the news that appears in this morning's
press which was also broadcast yesterday, that the Communist Father-
land joined hands with the last Emperor in a "Non-Aggression Pact."
What to them is non-aggression is to the same a pact to send their
blood-hounds the world over and through fire and sword conquer the
world. The bones of our revolutionary martyrs who gave their lives
in the Tsarist and Kaiser's dungeons for "Bread and Freedom" to aid
down-trodden must be turning in their graves every time Stalin
and his henchmen betray the Russian workers, worse than the autocrats
had done during the dark periods in Russian history. I read in the
August 23rd issue "New Republic" that a committee was formed and ad-
dressed a letter "To all active supporters of democracy and peace"
and who claim that there must be a close alliance with the USSR and
the USA and among other things they state:-

"The Soviet Union considers political dictatorship
a transitional form and has shown a steadily expanding
democracy in every sphere. Its epoch-making new consti-
tution guarantees Soviet citizens universal suffrage,
civil liberties, the right to employment, to leisure, to
free education, to free medical care, to material secur-
ity in sickness and old age, to equality of the sexes in
all fields of activity and to equality for all races and
nationalities."

Among the signers in addition to the regular apologists are a number
of recruits, among them George Seldes and Vincent Sheean, who has be-
come the white-haired boy of the C.P. in this country; makes one sick
reading all this bunk in the face of what is going on in this world.

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E. G. Colton

I am glad that the dinner is definitely set for the 30th. I shall most certainly be there. Will you kindly give me some of the information as to what your plans are for the E. G. Spanish repatriation so that I will know what I am talking about.

I have sent the eight copies of "My Disillusionment" to Jeanne, she asked for them. I would like to get a copy "The Place of the Individual in Society." What is the cost in bulk so that I can order a few copies to sell here? The pamphlet "Notable Protests Too Much," I would also like to get a copy of that so that I can take it up with some of the groups. I want you to understand that our organization does not at the present time favor any literature published by individuals or groups or parties because if they make a start with your brochure, then the G. P. members who are more numerous, will flood our Union with their literature which they have in abundance.

I told you Sonia that Molly is having her hay-fever and is not feeling well, both expect to go on their vacation, I hope that she will recover from her illness. I was told by some friends that Mary Abram upon her return to Mexico was detained on the border, took sick, lost all her baggage and returned to Mexico City a broken person, am trying to find out what happened to her.

I think that for the time being your stay in Toronto will help you to get your bearings. I do not think that your return to Europe will help you to get your bearings. You want to get material and write the book on Spain. This will be a valuable addition to what has already been written on the subject. Well, first you must find a publisher who would be willing to advance the money so that you could sit down and write what you would like to. Through friends in the states who are writers you may get a proper publisher. I am told that Hutchins Langford is now publishing his autobiography, he may recommend to his publisher your book on Spain. I think he could be reached at the Lafayette Hotel in New York or on his farm in New Hampshire. If you care to write to him, Rogers, who can be reached at the Lafayette Hotel, Washington, may give you his address.

I must close now, because there is loads of work to be done and it is dreadfully hot.

My love to all.

Rose

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TORONTO, ONTARIO Aug. 27th 39

Rose, my Dearest. When your letter arrived I went off with Pauline for a much needed rest to one of the Muskoka Lakes. Alas, only for four days because Pauline had to be back in New York to day therefore had to leave Saturday and I had a speaking date before a Socialist Youth group. I could have saved myself the rush for there were no more than about twenty people. Their ignorance is colossal and I came back last night worn out and most disheartened.

It is great of you to ~~propose~~ have an open air Sacco Van Zetti meeting in the stronghold of those ~~in~~ who murdered them. I wonder how it came off. Write me, I am interested.

Yes, the Pact between Stalin and Hitler would make the great forerunner of the Russian Revolution turn in the grave. I doubt though whether the miserable Communist gang in America will change one iota in their lickspittle devotion to their master. I see that yellow dog Browder, and Gallacher, the Comm M.P. are already singing hussanah to ~~the~~ the present ~~in~~ the terrible. Well, dear Stalin's alliance with Hitler the basest treachery yet is a father in our hot. In mine it is two feathers because I said two years ago that Stalin is on the way of licking Hitler's toches. A disgusting gang, worse than the Jesuites had ever been. Alas, a lie dies hard. I am sure not only the Communists but also the pseudo liberal intelligentsia will proclaim the Pact as a stroke of wisdom from Stalin's mouth. It will nevertheless be interesting to see if many of them will continue to call every body to arms in defence of Soviet Russia and against fascism now that Soviet Russia has made it so easy for Hitler to grab all he can, and to continue to exterminate Jews, Communists and all other of his political opponents. I tell you the world is reeking with putrid poison.

I have read the issues of Nation and New Republic of the 30th. At least these pale Liberal sheets are at last seeing Stalin in his true light. Get them and see their attitude to the Pact, THE RED STAR AND SWASTICA, THE NEW REPUBLIC CALLS THE STALIN HITLER PACT. AS to the Nation, the editors must feel rotten to have in one and the same issue the appeal of the ~~Communist~~ Communist outfit and the repudiation of Stalin's new move as a blow to Liberal thought that had served Soviet Russia so well. By the way, you are mistaken about George Seldes. His name does not appear among the signees. But that does not mean that he also was drawn into the Communist coils. A rotten lot the whole gang of them. They know that every word is a black lie. However we have reasons to be exceedingly glad and strengthened in our position against the monstrous fake in Russia.

Dearest I may have a record made after all. Jeanne Levey urged me to go to the Victor people and see what the damage would be. Well, I found another record studio. I learned that there are two processes, one which is called the weak, does not last long. The other the strong process costs forty dollars for the original record and

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four dollars for duplicates each. Pauline suggested that there would be a number of comrades and my personal friends who would want to own a record of my voice as a momento ~~when~~ when I too have departed. I have written Jeanne about this and I expect that she will probably get some of her friends to order a copy and I know she will want one or two for herself. Don't think I have grown vain in my old age. I want the record only because I want to speak to the friends who will attend the contemplated dinner and to appeal to them for my project to help rescue some of our comrades from sure death in the French camps. I will have to charge \$5 for a record so as to make up the original investment of \$40. Let me know if you want a record or anybody else of the folks working with you. I intend to have the record made next week and I would like to have an idea how many copies to order. Of course, we at our dinner here will not need the record, it is intended only for those that I cannot attend in person. By the way, the New York dinner will probably not take place until the 11th of Nov. The comrades there feel no undertaking will succeed if arranged shortly before the Fr. Arb. St. They say that the 11th of Nov is much more appropriate because the death of our martyred comrades gave me life. Moreover I do not want to interfere in the least with the success of the Fr. Arb. Stimme affair. The dinner in Chicago was to be in Oct. I am waiting for final word from Jeanne as she was to undertake it.

About the purpose of the dinner and the letter I mean to send out. As you know I thought of calling it the E.G. Spanish Relief Testimonial. But there are so many relief societies from which our people never get a penny's worth of relief that it occurred to me it might be more impressive, if we called it Spanish Repatriation Fund. I have since heard from Santillan who is on his way to Ecuador to find land on which to colonize our people that this is now being done in Mexico as well and that money is needed for that. In addition I have received a letter from Pedro Merterra, one of the finest comrades I have met who tells me he and others have succeeded to get the release of about two dozen comrades and to place them on the land in France itself. They also have the promise that more will be given their freedom for the same purpose, if the first experiment will work out. In other words, these comrades, Spanish peasants mostly, prefer to remain in France and till the soil there. Their reason for it is that they want to remain near enough to Spain to make a rush should there be the least renaissance of our ideas and activities in Spain. The Spanish comrades in London feel the same way. Anyhow Pedro asks for help. I am therefore somewhat at a loss what the heading of my appeal should be. One thing is certain it must be made clear that our people are shamefully being discriminated against and that it is up to all those outside of Spain in whatever country ~~must~~ come to their rescue. I therefore think the heading might be The E.G. Spanish rescue Fund from the hideous French Camps as a subtitle. What do you think about it. Let me know please by return mail.

With love.

I will send Emma
the 2 pamphlets soon.

to come to the rescue
of all men

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NEW YORK, N. Y., Aug. 27-1939

Emma Goldman
295 Vaughan Road, Toronto, Canada

Acadur

Dear Emma: Please excuse me for not answer your letter sooner ~~xxx~~ then I do. I have so much work to do in regards with our paper and the mail coming from the concentration camps in France is so big that seldom have I time to write to my old friends and Comrades.

Nevertheless, your letter was quickly deliver to Santillán, ~~xxx~~ the very day we recieve ~~xxxx~~ it, and I hope that by this time you recieve the answer acording with yor wish and acording with the utmost importance of ~~xxx~~ the contents of the same. Please, would you tel me wether or not you recieve the answer? Because I had to deliver the letter to one of his close friends for the simple reason that Santillán during his stay in this country has been very busy. I only talk to him once and since then I did not sow him again.

As I did in Barcelona, and as I told you then, I do not agree with Santillán and I did not agree with the polocys of the anarquist movement during the War. For the time been Santillán is lost and so hundreds of other remarkable Comrades of that movement. They can not do away in the present with the polaticion tendencys and polaticion tactics and they still velieve that without the suport of the so call Popular Movement, or as we call it in spanish, "Frente Popular", the revolution in Spain can not be carried out. For that reason Santillán and meny others they still insist in mantaining good relations with generals such is Asensio and others, and polaticions such is Albornoz, or for ~~xxx~~ that mater with hundreds of other • the same caracte

He plans to publish "Timón" Somewhere in South America and have as his colaboretors this tipe of men. He sees no other way out and it is useles to try to convince him as I did. I hope that future experiences will convince all this Comrades how x confused they are. Mybe by now papa Stalin gave them a good lessen. No?

I would not close this leter without letting you a little secret of the so meny I know. Not long ago, señor Gil Robles, señor Alcalá Zamora, señor Madariaga x and señor Prieto, whitch I know you know them very well, ~~toxxx~~ well I gues and at the same time you know that Madariaga and Prieto are tools of England, they been together for a little talk over the posobilites of ~~xxxx~~ coming together and make another little revolution to overthrow Franco ~~xxxx~~ and the Falange Española and stablsh -- I do not know -- mybe another Republic or monarky. What suits Englan most. They have for this purpose a grate folowing generals, polaticians, traditionalists and what not. At the same time señor Prieto wants to get ready of Negrin and get the "Frente Popular" leadership ~~xx~~ and bargain with the reactionarys in one side and the revolutionists in the ~~xxxx~~ other.

What do you think of the cleaver trik, miserable trik? What do you think of señor ~~Prieto~~ Prieto and Gil Robles get together? This are only one of the meny secrets I can tell you. And if somebody do not start to be smart and advice our movement, I am very much afreid that de ~~spanish~~ spanish people are in for another butchery without eny good results for the revolution. But if in the other hand we are smart enough, mybe we can very much profit ~~from~~ from the discontent of this bastards, wether they are de Prietos or the Gil Robles.

From London, knowing this ~~mten~~ and knowing that it took place a Comrade went to see Largo Caballero. The purpose is to get together and see

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if they can regain forces and put them in action. The lack of money is one of the handicaps they got to deal with.

Of what I am afraid is ~~that~~ being so desperate, they may be tempted and then make some sort of ~~agreement~~ agreement to overthrow France and be satisfied with that alone. Think of the temptations to conquest Spain "for the Spaniards", of the return to their homeland • hundreds of thousands of refugees, of the liberation of those that they are in prison and of the stopping of so many killings. The temptation, my dear Emma, is very dangerous, you know that, pretty hard to resist. After the hard struggle and the treatment that the Spanish people are receiving at home and abroad, you can very well see that to ask them for more sacrifices in the name of the revolution it is pretty near impossible. However, we got to do it with the same conviction, with the same determination, ready to give our body and our soul and everything that might be most dear to our heart. We got to do it and we are blindly convinced that we will accomplish our aims.

The ~~Spanish~~ Spanish people ~~they~~ went out to make the revolution; in their own way, yes, but to make the revolution. And they will make it in spite of all the ~~machinations~~ conspiracies from within or without and in spite of the sufferings they have to go through in the future. Under that conviction we will carry on in 'Cultura Proletaria' until we succeed to bring to their senses the leaders of our movement, and then, all together, we will carry on until we succeed in creating the same beautiful movement we had at the beginning of the civil war. And then, Emma, whether we are in Argentina or in North America, we will be present for the struggle like we did in 37.

Such is my hope and our hopes, and such my and our optimism.

With out more to say, I wish you great success, long years to carry on the wonderful work you are doing for over fifty years and the chance to see you again and give you a strong and fraternal kiss.

Today, like many Spaniards, I am a man without a country. That's why I did not want to see you at the other side of Detroit. The comrades from there told me about you coming to Windsor; but, you well know that I do not have a passport and it will be useless to try.

Yours for the revolution and for the libertarian movement.

Marcelino Garcia

Not: Please excuse my poor English, and it is much worse because, as I told you, I haven't time to do things right.

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Dear Caro, I received your two letters, one dated August 5th. The other August 8th. Strangely enough the previous one arrived after the one of the 8th. In that letter you say you refrained from writing me a critical letter because you did not want to throw a shadow on the numerous greetings I had received for my 70th anniversary. That was most thoughtful of you. But the fact is you made up a hundred fold for this consideration by your ~~most~~ ~~kind~~ most penetrating, just and kind appraisal of all my faults, whether true or imaginative. I will come back to this remarkable document. First I want to reply to your letter of the 5th inst.

You say REVOLT died a natural death. In as much as REVOLT HAD barely begun to live I do not think its death was natural. If you had said that about SPAIN AND THE WORLD it would have been more appropriate because the tragic collapse of everything in Spain naturally did away with the need of a paper such as SPAIN AND THE WORLD. Well, I was not in the least surprised in the death of REVOLT. I know ~~that~~ from past experience that a group paper cannot have the character of a paper edited by a competent editor, which I have always maintained. You have proven to be to a high degree. True, there have been papers edited by groups, such as LONDON FREEDOM for instance, before the war and for a very short time after. But that was because the group consisted of the ablest and most brilliant men, and women in our ranks each representing a distinct individuality who not only could write, but also knew our ideas and the history of our movement in addition to the social thought of the world. I dare say you will again say I am "vein" because I can now say "ITOLD YOU SO". When I advised against ~~the~~ ~~group~~ ~~editorship~~ editorship, I did this because I know that perhaps with the exception of Brown, there was not one in your group who had the ability to edit the paper. Much less had they the knowledge of our ideas. I realize that young people should be given a chance to develop through direct participation in our work and in contribution to our publication even if their writing is wanting. But this is quite another matter than representing an editorial board. You knew as well as I that the group consisted of drifters who but yesterday were with the fascists and Communists, and who knew nothing or very little of our movement and of our ideas. Even as helpers in the sense of distribution they were of no good. You say so yourself in your letter.

Now, at the risk of an new charge against me that I speak as an "authoritarian" I wish to say that my impression of your group was never that it consisted of eager and devoted young people to whom the success of the paper was the most compelling force. Rather was it to satisfy their ambition to appear in public by means of the paper. For if it were anything else they would have strained every muscle to circularize REVOLT. I know that because I have tested nearly every one of them during the thirty months I struggled for Spain. ~~It~~

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Times of end I tried to draw them into the work, talked to them individually and as groups to help Spain, to help make our meetings successful to distribute SPAIN AND THE WORLD. But that did not satisfy their ~~xxx~~ youthful ambitions to shine as editors that's why they never did anything except to proclaim me a dictator. It were to laugh if it were not so ~~xxx~~ comic. But let it go at that for the moment. The fact is the group has not helped REVOLT to life. It has helped to undermine. For you surely will not tell me that REVOLT was of the same caliber as SPAIN AND THE WORLD? I certainly did not find it so.

However, it is no use to lament what cannot be undone. I am more interested in your idea of a magazine. I am not sure that even an indirect LEFT policy would induce the large distributing houses to handle your magazine. But it is worth trying. However, it is impossible to do anything until a few numbers of the magazine have appeared as it is not likely that distributing houses would handle it before they see it. It is the same about Ian Bellantine. He would have to see the magazine before he could decide whether to handle it. He was never a fanatical Communist, and the latest stunt of ~~Stalin~~ Stalin may have shocked him out of his love for Communism. By the way, Ian came back with a bride whom he married in England. He met her in Jersey, she is only 19. I understand she loathes the Communists and has very intelligent ideas about ~~her~~ ^{them}. So I am rather hopeful about Ian's change of front. In any event it is no use to ask him whether he would take the agency of your magazine until he sees it and knows that it is secure at least for six months. The same holds good as regards other distributing agencies in America. I know none here but I certainly will find out and see them once I have something to let them see.

As regards the Taylors, I must repeat what I said about Ian. They will not contribute unless they see the nature and get up of the new publication. Nor can I approach him. In his last letter a week or so ago Taylor wrote that he helped raise £6000 for a food ship to Spain and that he contributed quite a lot but that until the writing of his letter no one knew what became of the ship whether it had reached Valencia before the collapse or not. I do not think it has any chance to ask the Taylors for a loan since you say yourself that the magazine may not last. When you have realized your new idea of the magazine I will of course write both Mr and Mrs Taylor, they have separate accounts, and I will appeal to them to contribute to the maintenance of the new venture. By the way, you are entirely wrong to say your energies and £1500 pounds had been wasted on SPAIN AND THE WORLD AND SUBSEQUENTLY ON REVOLT. From such an angle considered all our efforts were wasted, ~~MOTHER EARTH~~ ^{MOTHER EARTH} which Berkman and I published for 12 years. The BLAST, one of the best revolutionary and anarchist magazines. Kropotkin's writings in England for forty years which apparently left no trace. How can you say whether the seed we have all planted was in barren soil. Yet we must go on. So you ~~have~~ ^{should} have no regret about the splendid efforts you have made with your paper.

However, you are right in assuming that a magazine may be more fruitful than a weekly paper. I take it you mean a monthly publication, or do you mean it to be weekly? I don't see how you are going to keep up such a venture. A monthly issue is another matter, it will leave you more time to get up the magazine and to improve it as you go on. But for the love of all the "saints" do not have an editorial board of the people in your group. Get Read, Ethel and others who know something about magazines to cooperate with you.

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I wonder how James and Sonia feel about the idea of a magazine? I ask because I once talked to them about such a venture and they were both most enthusiastic about it. Especially James who assured me he would help financially and in every other way. I hope he still feels that way. In any event you can count on me to do my utmost, especially if I should go on a tour through Western Canada. I could then get subscribers and have the magazine on sale. Unfortunately my tour is not at all sure and Toronto holds out small hopes of success through meetings. I know your beginning will be hard and thorny. Still I cannot urge you enough to begin. It would be criminal to give up whatever grounds you have gained with your papers. So fire ahead and rest assured I will help in every way possible.

Now as to the nice letter of the 8th. I have been debating with myself whether I should answer it at all. But if I do not you are likely to think I was offended because of the ~~ridiculous~~ strong charges against me it contains. On the hand, ~~and~~ I have lived long enough to know that if ~~my conduct in~~ an half century of active service in ~~circles~~ have not convinced you of my integrity, boundless devotion to our ideas, and not the least among them, the test of fires in my long life have not convinced you of my worth to our movement, then nothing on earth will cure you ~~from~~ your blurred picture you have formed about me. Nevertheless I will point out a few things, if only to make you see that I am not angry, or insulted by the comradely opinions you hold about me.

(1). I have been charged with every crime on the calendar, mostly by our opponents and enemies. But never in all my life have I been charged with vanity. Your proof for that are the clippings I sent you. It did not occur to you that it was not vanity which induced my sending the clippings. It was the certainty that you would be interested in seeing the changed attitude of the Capitalist papers to our ideas and to me. This especially in point of the fact that we never could get a single line in any of the papers in England, or even an announcement of our meetings. Surely you should have welcomed the change even if it is on the part of Capitalist papers. After all, the workers read these papers. It is the workers who learn through this medium of our activities. What then is wrong in welcoming such a change? Or wrong in sending you and other comrades clippings or cuttings as they called them in England. I know of no comrades, beginning with Kropotkin, Malatesta, ~~and~~ Mettgen and Hooker who ever interpreted the cuttings I sent them as vanity on my part. It was left to your psychiatric inside in my being to find in my perfectly innocent action a sign of vanity. You resent the heading as to K.O. "being fond of Cathedrals" Really dear verro your soul must have been full to the brim with bitterness to bring this as an argument. For your satisfaction I wish to tell you that I had no more to do with the heading than with the report of one reporter that I had boasted of my appetite. It was the sensationalism of the American Kontinuant which unfortunately cannot be helped. The greater the importance

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(3) You write that you attempted several times to tell me how you felt about my faults. That is news to me because it was always I who had to beg and beg personally through Marie Louise and by phone to give me a little of your time to talk over matters when you could have been outspoken in anything you had on your heart. When you finally could spare me time you were in a hurry and we never got any where. There is a wise saying that ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ one charges others with faults and shortcomings that are strongly developed in ourselves. One thing is certain your charge that I never listened when you offered criticism but flew up in a huff applies to you in a large measure. It ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ was you who never could listen to the least objections. I ascribed it to your hot and impatient Italian

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temperament but never to "vanity" or authoritarianism on your part. Your proof for this fancy charge is my attitude to L'Adunato and the Tresco business. Whether you will believe it or not I must yet assure you that it was not my dislike or bitterness against L'Adunato for the contemptible and vindictive review by Urahm of Living My Life which makes me impatient with them. It is because they never have given their proofs of their charges against Tresco. I have explained to you that ten years ago the L'Adunato comrades wrote Berman and me about their grievance against Tresco. We asked them for proofs which has never been given. We would therefore have nothing to do with the squabbles between L'Adunato and Tresco's paper because we knew how often and how lightly people were charged with being spies when there was not a scintilla of evidence. Well, if I ever doubted the accuracy of our comrades in L.A., I have had occasion to convince myself more forcibly. I had a talk with Harry Kelly an old and trusted comrade and he told me the following: ~~that he had been told by Harry Kelly that Tresco had come to him and asked him to get together comrades from L.A. and from his groups to go over the charges and to judge whether they had any truth or not. There upon Harry wrote L.A. about it. He has promised proofs but after a long time he received word from L.A. that proofs could not be given because they would involve good comrades. Moreover it might even prove dangers to their lives. I also had a Committee come to see me in Windsor repeating the old charge. And they too told me they could give no proofs. In other words I am expected to condemn a man on mere hearsay. Vero dear even a Capitalist Court must have proofs before a man is condemned. How much more careful and unscrupulous must we be never mind whether we like or dislike our opponent. That and that alone and nothing else has conditioned my stand towards the charges against Tresco. The moment our comrades will give me documentary evidence of Tresco's guilt I will expose him. But I will never do it because the comrades say so. Nor do I expect them to take my word alone if ever I will indict anyone by such a terribly charge as spy.~~

4). You ask why E.G. should be held in higher esteem, or why she should be praised more than Smith or Jones, or anybody else. I am not quoting verbatim. Perhaps because E.G. has gone through the test of fire ~~which~~ and has come out unscathed, a proof Johns or Smith or even dear vero has yet to give. In any event you need not worry your nice head over this having gone to my head. If it had the Anarchist ranks would have been the last place to ~~give~~ cater to my "vanity and ambitions." In point of truth I have received more thrusts from our own comrades than from our opponents. All these critics of mine have gone by the board. They have sold their soul for a mess of pottage. But I am still continuing the struggle which is getting more trying and lacerating with the years. So what ever your attacks they are alright with me.

(5). You are quite right when you say that you had begun your appeals for your Orphan Fund before SIA was started but I was not speaking of SIA. I was speaking of the appeal for the "Evacuated Women" ~~for~~

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About having glotted Masnou. I do not presume to say how much Masnou received. All I did say was that I found their larders over stacked while the children of other colonies had not enough. Even in your bitterness you will not charge me. I hope, in begrudging the children of Masnou, I was only too happy they should have everything they needed. But it seemed unfair to give that colony much and the others little. As to the SIA being charged with extravagance. I saw not the least evidence of it. I visited many of the 20 colonies, I saw how the comrades of SIA lived. I must say I found no extravagance. Surely you should know that people in defect do turn against each other. I am certainly not in accord with the petal method of dispensing help of the SIA since it reached France. I understand this has been changed. I hope so. I have written both Vazquez and Lucia while I was in Paris the last time that our comrades in the camps are bitter and that some different arrangement must be made before I would continue to raise money for the SIA. But as far as its activities in Spain is concerned I repeat, I saw no extravagance. I feel therefore you should be careful before you repeat the charge.

(6) Your charge that I failed to give you the material I brought out from Spain. And that judging by the picture painted for you and Marie Louise of condition by the comrades in London I had given you a one sided report. Your must bear in mind that the Spanish comrades in London have only now given you the actual facts. Did you ask yourself the question why they did not do so when I saw and talked with them in 37? At that time they ~~were not in a position~~

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did exactly as the comrades of the CNT-FAI in Cataluna did, they expressed complete harmony with everything that had been done in May thirty seven. They not only approved but there was no no single dissenting voice. On the contrary they insisted that nothing must be made public in the outside world. How then could I let you publish the material? In point of fact there was no material on this visit. It was only what I saw and observed that was disturbing and that I reported. In fact you know the desperate struggle I was making whether to continue the work for CNT-FAI or to tell the comrades I could not go on. Yes, it was the most bitter struggle. A fast lot you cared about it or anyone else. I had to fight it out with myself whether to leave the comrades in their crucial time and thus join the ranks of Chapiro, Voline, Mollie and Senia or to stand by them to the bitter end. True, in 38 material was smuggled out for me, but even then the comrades insisted I should wait with it use and if possible I should use it for a book. I have done that because again I did not wish to go back on the comrades, and not because I did not trust you or Marie Louise. That is nonsense dear Verro. Besides, I told you much when I returned in 38, I told you more than anyone else. Of course it is easy for the Spaniards in London to give you the complete facts, but they like I also waited until now and not before. They were motivated by the same force, our devotion to our comrades, our determination to stand by them to the end. If that was wrong, I will take the blame, but don't use this as your arguments that I wanted to deceive you or did not trust you.

(7) About the Construction pamphlets. More again you are utterly wrong. I did not object to your filling the orders that came in through the copies and letters we sent out. I did object to your hiding it from me. I would never have known about it had I not learned it from Barr. ~~It is not that I am not interested in the pamphlets~~ Naturally, I was interested to know whether the terrific expense of the pamphlet and postage had brought any response whatever. Naturally too, I was disgusted to find out that there had been considerable response and that you had kept the fact from me. I was therefore quite justified in assuming that in this as in many other instances you failed to show the least solidarity or cooperation. I am sure if you had given the matter a moment's thought you would have told yourself "Emma has labored and drudged for thirty months without attracting people. It will be a relief to her to know that a few organizations have responded." But you never gave me a thought even in an ordinary human sense. Frankly, I never met among the Italians anyone so lacking in hospitality, friendliness and solidarity as you. In all the thirty months you never concerned yourself how I lived and how I was getting along, nor had you ever offered once to invite me to your rooms for a cup of tea or coffee. These are minor matters, but they do go to show your self-sufficiency and individualism. You say the proof that you had no personal ambition is in the fact that you got a group together and you worked with it. Well you never attended a single group gathering which I had called to gether. Perhaps because you were not interested. In any event it is no disgrace to be individualistic. ~~Now does it stand for being~~

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The best Communists have often been that. But this does not make them out dictators, or authoritarians, or vain, or any of the fancy names you have hurled at my poor old head.

I have already written far too much, and what is more I have little hope that I have made myself more understandable to you than before. So I must let it go at that. My faith in you and in your talents as an editor will not suffer from what you have already charged me with or what may yet come from you. Nor will my deep affection for you. Whether you like it or not dear *vero* I have taken you in my heart to stay and nothing will eradicate you from it. At least nothing that you might still say against me. Nothing but your denial of our ideal, and even then I should concede you that right.

One more thing, Vazquez last tribute. Yes, I am very proud of it. I am proud of it because I know the Spanish character so insular and so unable to see worth of any sort in none Spaniards. As this was especially developed in Vazquez, and as I certainly never hesitated to tell him what I ~~think~~ to his face even when I had to serve myself with an interpreter, I was really profoundly moved by his tribute. The interesting part is that Vazquez and Murrera for instance, who had become bitter enemies should be as one in their affection for me. Call it vanity if you will, I call it ordinary human longing for kindred spirits, for kindness to one whose whole life has been damned little ~~grey~~ but lots of misunderstanding and disappointments. I suppose when I will be dead you will write a glowing tribute to E.O. Well, Vazquez probably thought that the living are more in need of encouragement and appreciation than the dead. I too believe in this.

Give my love to Marie Luit Louise. Tell her our picnic brought seventy dollars. It was poorly attended because of the threatening weather. Half of it will go to her mother for the Italian refugees, the other half to the German refugees. Oh, I forgot one of your sweet charges that about the four pounds ~~xxxxxxx~~ I had promised from the money sent me by Margaret de Silver. Of course you know that it was not sent for S. and the W. or for anything else except as I saw fit to divide it. It is true that I kept the four pounds on account of your share of the expenses of light, gas and the telephone. Like everything else I did so because you never showed the least interest in anything, or made an offer to share. You just took everything for granted. However, now that the comrades in America and here have been generous in their gifts for my 70 anniversary I will send back the four pounds which you can use for your new venture. I wish I had laid the same value to money as you my dear, I would keep a few coppers when I will no longer be able to use my pen or my speaking capacity. Those who know me longer than you know that E.O. has never been able to keep her money. They consider it a great fault. I feel, it is the only virtue I have, is to get the joy of sharing with others. What, I may justly call my own.

Affectionately

Write me more about the magazine.

*Be material Be in command
me. Also send me the last*

*Emma waiting for
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Return this night away, Pedro

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my dear Pedro. Your letter of the 12th inst. reached me last week. I had to send it to our comrade Olay in Chicago who is most trust worthy and reliable. I got the translation to day, and I hasten to reply. The trouble is there will be another delay as I shall most like have to send my answer to comrade Olay for translation into Spanish. I am unfortunately not conversant enough with French, at least not enough for a long and serious reply your letter merits. Besides, I have no French machine. A French letter written on an English typewriter looks like a battle field after all the accents are placed over the letters and all the correction one has to make. We do have a comrade, also trustworthy, who knows enough French and English to translate my letters. But he too has no machine and he would have to write by hand. I will get in touch with him to night and if he has the time to do it over Saturday and Sunday I will let him do the translation. Otherwise I will send this to comrade Olay who though very busy, nevertheless ~~never~~ ^{will} delay longer than is unavoidable.

people I do not know what has changed Bartlett. Since I left London April 8th, four months ago I had not a single word from him. Nor has he translated the letter I wrote Lucia Sanchez and which I sent to him with her address, begging him to translate my letter and send it to her without delay. I have since written him and have asked him to forward to me all the material you sent him for me. No answer. It is extraordinary how easily ~~one~~ ^{people} undergo changes. Bartlett was a devoted comrade, one of the finest types of Spaniards I have met. He was of great help in the work ~~of~~ ^{we} was doing. At any time when I called him up to do some translation, he never refused. On the contrary, he would come to me straight from the Bank where he was employed, go without his evening meal and do everything necessary. I am therefore, very surprised and chagrined that Bartlett should treat me so shabbily. I will write tomorrow to our splendid comrade Ruth Prothero, I will ask her to be sure to get hold of Bartlett, and get the material for me. I know she will do it. Also I am writing Bartlett once more to express my surprise of his treatment of me. I hope I can get the material. Meanwhile I will also write Rudolf Rocker to prevail upon him to write you direct ~~and~~ ^{or} to let me know whether the material sent ~~you~~ ^{him} by you had reached him. Rudolf is unfortunately a very poor correspondent, sometimes he keeps me waiting for months. In point of fact I have already written him that you had sent him material and that you wrote me I could avail myself of it. I therefore asked him to send it to me. But like you I have received no reply.

I am not very sure whether the suggestion of a book on Spain can be carried out. True, I have some material, translations of part of the documents prepared by the Peninsular and Regional FAI but far from enough for a book of 70,000 words. You see Martin faithfully sent everything but not all because the collapse came sooner than expected. I sent Martin a Transatlantic Air Mail letter asking him to see you, and the other comrades and tell them that I need material for a book. I had a letter from him two days ago that he so Fedrica, Egles and ~~was~~ ^{and} they had told him they could give me nothing because their material was not yet assorted. You will forgive me dear comrade when I say this is very Spanish, to wait and wait until the material will lose its immediate value. Not only Martin but also Soughy saw the comrades in the matter of material. Then I wrote Santi the moment I learned he was in New York. The letter got him before he sailed and he replied at once. But ~~he~~ ^{they} could give me no help in the way of

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material. I therefore do not know what to do. A book is not an article. It cannot consist of mere statements. It must give documentary proofs to back any charge one makes. As I said I have quite a lot of ~~copies~~ of the documents Martin sent to me, but it is far from enough for a work as any American publisher may want. Mind you I am not at all sure a publisher will be found, or that I will get any advance on royalties without which I would not undertake to spend many months. ~~Nevertheless~~ The main incentive for me to write a book on my impressions in Spain is to raise funds for our martyred comrades in the French camps, and, of course also to expose the treachery of Soviet Russia and its hirelings. I feel sure if the MSS would be accepted there would also be an advance. I must therefore go on sure grounds. However, unless I can get more material the book will be out of the question altogether. Well, maybe Barlett will send out the stuff he received from you. And perhaps Rocker will send me what you sent him. With this and what I have myself I might have enough, we will see.

Your idea of settling our peasant comrades on the land in France itself is a grand proposition. In fact I think it is more constructive than anything I have yet heard about the plan to send refugees to Mexico. I understand perfectly that the French Gov. is not likely to permit many to settle on French soil. But every life your idea will save will be a great gain from every angle considered, not the least that our people, or as many as possible should remain near enough to Spain, for I feel certain that there will be a renaissance in Spain. I could not go on living if I did not passionately believe that about the Spanish people. I therefore consider it of the utmost importance that our comrades should be near enough to Spain and not scattered all over the earth ~~countries~~. It seems the Spanish comrades ~~are scattered~~ in England are of the same view. That's why they are so keen on remaining in England. But as I said it is not likely the French Government under Deladier will permit too many Spanish peasants to settle on French soil though common sense should tell all government the material benefit they would gain if such fine tollars of the soil would be able to work on the French land. ~~Anyhow~~ I congratulate you on your splendid idea and on your ~~unhappy~~ success the start you have made.

Now as to appeals for the purpose it will have to be through our press of course. And I am certainly willing to include in my appeal for the E.O. Spanish ~~Refugee~~ ~~Refugee~~ and the importance of your venture. It seems to me that it is more practical to ask for money and buy seeds and food for the colonists than to ask for that. Just at present we have only \$33 on hand. But my lectures are beginning next month. ~~My~~ anniversary dinner here takes place the 30th of Sept. I am sure some means will be raised at these affairs. It is therefore necessary that you write me more particulars at once and also to whom money should be sent. There is an awful lot of confusion about the material help for our people. For instance, Mariano wrote me in his last letter to send all moneys to the Spanish Consejo of SIA to the address of the COMBAT SYNDICALIST. The letter from Santi tells me to get in touch with comrade Nicolas T Bernal in Mexico and to send money to him for the colonisation of our Spanish comrades in that country. And of course we receive letters of a heartbreaking nature from our German, Italian and Spanish comrades in the camps. Last but not least Reginald told Martin to write me to send money

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to SIA. Meanwhile it is counting my eggs before they are hatched. For as I already told you the group here has only 33 dollars left of the money raised at my lectures in the early summer. However, we will raise something by the appeal several thousands of which I plan to send out in Oct. I would only like to be sure as to what to explain to the people who will be reached by the appeal the most constructive purpose for which the money is to be raised. First I thought of the E.G. Spanish Relief ~~Initiative~~. I gave up this title because dozens of organizations call themselves Spanish Relief and are nearly all controlled by Communists. The second thought was to name my scheme the Spanish Repatriation Fund. That too, seemed rather vague to me. Finally it occurred to me that perhaps the E.G. Spanish Refugee Colonisation Fund would appeal to people. This has a hitch however, it is this, if I appeal for a certain purpose the money will have to go to that and nothing else. Now as I said the idea of colonisation whether in France or any other country is of course the only means to save our people. But on the other hand many who continue in the camps and who go through such dire need must also be helped. Yet we will not be in a position to help them out of the Fund I have in mind. Perhaps the Spanish Refugee Rescue Fund would cover both necessities, the help in the camps and the help in the venture of the colonies? What do you think?

I have not yet carried out my decision to get £100 from the amount the International ~~Institute~~ Institute owes me on the purchase of comrade Berkman's and my archives. ~~The Director was away.~~ But I will do it soon and send part of it to you for the scheme you have started, or to any responsible comrade you will name. That will be my own money. I can do with it what I like and I believe so deeply in the venture you have started to place our comrades, or if even a small group on French soil that I do want to make a personal contribution. £100 are a drop in the ocean but when I am able to send it it will go with my passionate wish that it might help our heroic peasant comrades a little, they who have sacrificed so much and who have given their all to the liberation of Spain. Moreover I feel confident that they will do so again when the time comes.

About Mariano; it is a painful subject because with all his faults and he certainly had many I was very fond of him. You will forgive me dear Pedro when I cannot agree with you that one must not say unkind things of the dead. I do not see why unless what we say or write is filled with bitterness and hatred and with false accusations. Besides to look facts straight in the face it is necessary to admit that Mariano was not the only offender. For is it not a fact that all comrades were in favor of ~~women~~ entering in the government, and all comrades were in favor of dealing with Stalin. In fact as long ago as Sept 37, when I made the rounds of all the comrades between Barcelona and Madrid not one comrade of the FAI or the CNT had anything derogatory to say about Mariano, or the policy used during the May events of that year. That policy was necessary I was told wherever I went and with whom ever I spoke. Actually there was only one comrade, he was the secretary of transport in Barcelona who condemned the policy used by all of you dear Pedro during and ~~at~~ since the MA 37 events. At the Plenum in Valencia in 37 every delegate present expressed the same thought. As to Federico, she assured me if only their will be a pact between the CNT and U.G.T. the workers will be strong enough to go back to first principles. ~~It seems strange to me that all the others were as guilty as he was.~~ *after*

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In the latter part of 36 ~~Sanis~~ who was always more of an Anarchist than a Syndicalist had approved of every step taken by the CNT-FAI entry into the Ministries, dealing with Russia at any cost, militarisation and all else that helped to undermine the glorious beginning of the 19th of July. In other words if Mariano was guilty so were you all dear Pedro. True, you saw the light sooner than Mariano in the early part of 38. That was most commendable. But because a man blinded by some stroke can not regain his sight in a hurry he is not necessarily a villain and a criminal. Certainly Mariano was caught in the coils of Negrin and the Communists. May it not be because the determination to conquer Franco had become a blinding ~~obsession~~ mad obsession which ~~shattered his vision~~ had obscured Mariano's vision and had made him blind to the dangers lurking to the struggle and the revolution in any association with Stalin's hirelings? I feel therefore that it was not dishonesty, or the lust for power which drive Mariano to the blunders he made. It was his dogged clinging to the notion, false I grant you to win the war first and then deal with the Revolution. I do not claim to be always correct in my observations, and I have observed Mariano very carefully because I wanted to get under his crude, intolerant and pitiless savage exterior, ~~but I have seen the man behind the mask~~ And I can say that regardless of his many repelling traits, traits that sometimes made me lose patience I never say off a trace of insincerity and dishonesty in Mariano. I understand from Martin and other comrades that he left no "fortunes" ~~behind~~ behind for his widow and his two children. I ~~should think that this should be enough~~ Should that not be sufficient for protection of his integrity.

My dear splendid comrade do you not know from past experience that defeat always corrodes the human soul, and the antagonisms and bitterness always come on the heels of failure? Especially such ~~failure~~ defeat as the Spanish struggle, one of the most sublime effort to create a new social order. No wonder each one thinks the other comrade is to blame whereas it is the cruel conspiracy of the whole world against the Spanish Revolution, ~~and the~~ and the paralysing indifference of the International proletariat which ~~conditioned~~ conditioned the grievous mistakes within Spain. I do not mean to suggest that we should cover up the ~~blunders~~ and compromises of our own comrades. But I do insist that at this black hour of our defeat we should not forget the service rendered by those comrades before they lost sight of the intrinsic values in the revolutionary struggle. We must revalue our values and we must try to see that if mistakes were made all had a share in it and not merely this or that individual. This then is my attitude to Mariano. You and I can I hope remain the friends we have been all through the heroic struggle even if we do not agree in our appraisal of anyone of our comrades.

Alright, write me Spanish until you have found someone who can help you with French. Please do not delay in answering and give me a more detailed idea of the colonization project in France. I wish I knew your address in St. Raphael I have forgotten it. Be sure to send it at once, or some other address that would reach you without delay.

With affectionate greetings to your companion and yourself always.

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Emma Goldman

295 VAUGHAN ROAD

TORONTO August 31.39
ONTARIO

Dearest, faithful Henny Boy. I had Pauline with me for two weeks. Fitz could not come. Your eats must have burned because we talked of you so much and we longed to have you with us. I missed Fitz terribly in spite of the fact that Pauline's visit was balm to my aching and yearning heart. I do not recollect any instance in the past when she and I grew so near. Perhaps it was due to my intense activities in the States that I never got so close to the dear girl. Or in France when she visited me during the labor pain of living my life. This time it was like a ray of warm balmy sunshine from a bleak sky. Every day was filled with Pauline's loving, thoughtful devotion and care of me. And I just basked in it. The second week of her visit we went for four days to one of the many summer places in the Moskoko Lakes. And although it rained three of the four days there was no ripple on our closeness together. It was simply wonderful to find in our Pauline after so many years such an understanding and tender soul. I miss her more than I like to admit to myself. My dear you overestimate my values. Believe me I am very human, all too human. In fact while I was in England I came to believe that there was not a good hair on my old head. Every time I made a move I put my foot in with all the Britishers. There was a thick wall between us and nothing I could do helped to break through its oppressive effect. You would be surprised of the charges and indictments against me coming from our own ranks, not the least being among them being "too vapid, confident, dictatorial and authoritarian traits, and ever so many more I never knew I had in me. It is only too true that one never sees oneself as others do. So my accusers may be correct. So you see dearest old son, you are exaggerating my qualities. However I know the spirit which motivated your generous appraisal, and I feel very rich and proud that it is your long friendship and love for me. Perhaps if some of my antagonists in England knew me as long and as well as you they would change their mind a little. In any event one cannot expect to go through life without enemies as well as friends. I can afford my enemies, for few have gained such friendship and trust as I have. The rest can go to hell. Pauline returned to New York to arouse interest in the Dinner which is to take place there in the fund I am trying to create. In as much as the Freis Arb. Stimme has its 40th anniversary in Oct. the comrades in New York want the Dinner to take place at the 11th of Nov. They have suggested that the date is most appropriate because the death of our martyred comrades gave me life. So the Dinner will take place in New York at that time. I do not yet know when Jeanne Levey plans to have the Dinner in Chicago. I suppose sometimes in Oct. Jeanne wants to join me in Winnipeg the last week in Oct. So I take it the Dinner will take place first. Here we will have it the 30th of Sept. I have heard nothing from Philadelphia or Washington D.C. in re the Dinner. Next week when everybody has returned from holiday making I will write to these cities again and see whether I might not put life into our half dead comrades.

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In connection with the Dinners outside of Toronto Jeanne has strongly suggested that I should have a record made of a 15, or 20 minutes talk about the plight of the Spanish refugees, and also make the appeal which would be heard in every city by means of duplicate records. I have already made inquiries about it and I found that a record which is to endure will cost forty dollars and that every duplicate will come to \$4. When Pauline heard about it she at once gave me an order for one duplicate and she promised to get some more orders. The idea is to charge five dollars for the duplicate so as to make up the original expense of forty. I have written Jeanne all the details and am now waiting to hear from her. I feel sure some of the comrades and personal friends will want to have a record. Not that it matters what one leaves behind when one goes to the eternal sleep. As I shall have no fortunes to leave my friends perhaps they would appreciate to have a record of my voice. We will see.

You know me long enough dearest Ben that I never posed as a prophet. But I have harped for two years on the certainty that Stalin will embrace Hitler. Many of my correspondents were very angry with me for that. Now I stand vindicated, as Sasha and I have been vindicated thousand times over for our stand on Soviet Russia. Yes, Stalin did what he was clamoring to do for several years. Alas, even this blackest of treacheries will not effect his followers. They already howl in one voice that the pact was the most marvelous stroke of ~~genius~~ genius the world has ever seen. ~~It is a masterpiece of~~ One thing is certain, Stalin beats the shrewdest ~~leader~~ who ever lived. He has trained his lickspittles so that they do the licking of his boots simultaneously. What a ~~rank~~ slimy, putrid gang they are. However long it takes for a lie to give up its ghost the Communist lie grows fainter and fainter, and no additional tricks the dear Father may devise will prevent its final end. What interests me now is just what the Jews, and indeed, all so-called anti fascists will say and do now with the supposed arch anti Fascist Stalin in the an orgastic embrace with the bloodiest Fascist Hitler. It is to howl with ~~laughter~~ laughter if the world situation were not so tragic, tragic because of the power of a few men who have the life and death of millions in the palm of their bloodstained hands. ~~Not even the~~ The proposed Western tour through Canada does not look very promising. In fact I have heard nothing further about it except that Jeanne is trying to bring it about. As to the States, those who had promised to try seem to be passing up the buck to each other. Perhaps it is only to avoid the necessity to tell me that there is no hope. I therefore do not know at this writing what I will do this winter for Toronto is sterile ground. A book on Spain has been suggested. That's all very well if one had the certainty of a publisher and of some sort of an advance on royalties because to write in the void is just paralyzing. A competent stenographer alone without whom I could not begin a book would cost sixty dollars a month. Not to speak my own living expenses. True, the comrades have been most generous with their gifts for the 27th, but in the first place half has already gone to the desperate needs of our Spanish sufferers, and in the second it ~~is impossible to start a book~~ I will need the balance for translation of my Spanish material should I begin such a work. The main draw back in undertaking a book is that unless one has some assurance of its publication, otherwise there is no point. Well, I will see *what*

Sept. next bring.

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Emma Goldman

225 VAUGHAN ROAD

TORONTO Sept 2nd 39
ONTARIO

Dearest Milly..I was just about to write you when your letter arrived. I must say neither you or Rudolf will ever get the noble prize ~~for~~ as correspondants. Well, I am somewhat used to your tardiness, besides my love is embracing, even your lazyness. As to Rudolf well, I don't know what I would do except discontinuing to write him. For it is most trying to have to wait endlessly before he replies. However, I am used to it, but others are not. Pedro Mererra sent Rudolf important material. He begged him to acknowledge it because he was most concerned whether the stuff reached Rudolf safely. Did he write him? Not at all. Now poor Pedro implores me to write Rudolf and get the information for him. I had to write him a long letter which is now being turned into Spanish by Ulay. When it reaches me I will add a line to say I have written you or rather Rudolf. I do hope he will sit down on his toches and scribble a few lines to Mererra. He can send the letter in a double envelope marked urgent and mail it to A. Germain Boite postale 32, Paris XX.

*dearest
Milly*

Mererra is among the finest types of Spanish comrades I have met. He was among the first to see the downward road of the CNT and the childish faith of Mariano in the Agrin communist outfit. He is therefore very bitter against Mariano although he regrets his untimely death. In the inclosure copy of my letter to Pedro you will see that I have tried my damndest to point out that if Vazquez has erred so have they all. And that I for one do not believe Vazquez has been dishonest or having aim to keep power which incidently he never had as far as the government policy was concerned. The Communists have seen to that. More horrible to me than the collapse of everything is the bitter and ugly recriminations among the Spanish comrades. It goes so far it has created the rumor that Vazquez was killed by FAI members. Thus Arthur Muller & Lehning in a recent letter asked me how true it is.

I dare say Santillan had a tail of voo to tell. Yet it is a fact, that he too wants the whole way with the rest of the comrades in explaining every compromise away, and justifying every step made by Vazquez and the rest. While Santillan has a deeper culture and historical background and knowledge than Mariano it is nevertheless a fact, that he is essentially a man of the pan and absolutely no good for practical purposes. In this respect I found V. of terrific energy and organizational ability. No wonder the two could not hitch. Well it is all heartbreakingly sad. I don't hope Rudolf will take the time to let me know Santillan's story. But you should do it dearest. Also about his schema of colonizing our unfortunate Spaniards. You will see by my letter to Mererra that he has succeeded in placing 121 of our peasant comrades on French soil. It is an insignificant number of course but he is right when he says that it is essential to keep our people together if possible instead of straggling them to every corner of the globe. The Spaniards in London, Prada, Gózales and Lopez feel the same way. They want to be near enough to Spain if some change should take place. That is the usual Spanish optimism. Still it ~~has~~ *may*

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understood. I am before a dilemma. Hererra want money sent for the colony in France. Santi wants me to get in touch with Mexico and Eagles, Federica's husband now temporary Secrt of the CNT wants me to send money to SIA. Not that I have any at present to send. But if my appeal succeeds I want to be able to send contributions where it is most needed. That's why I want you to write me right away just what is Santi's plan. By the way, do you know how I might reach him. He wrote me before he sailed but gave no address..

Please tell Rudolf I am sorry but he will have to let me see the material Hererra sent him and which he wants me to go over. Tell your hobby noblesse oblige. I sent him everything of mine, so he must not be a hog and keep everything for himself. That's no way to treat an old lady tell him.

Yes, darling Stalin's pact has vindicated us beyond our own imagination. What a spectacle Stalin pressing Hitler to his loving Socialist breast in an orgastic dance. It must make the gods howl with laughter. Of course the lickspittles of Stalin's boots are now proclaiming the ~~latest~~ latest treachery of their idol as the greatest wisdom. That was to be foreseen. But the ghastly lie in Russia is coming to be trimmed of its gay feathers. We have waited long for this but we have come to see the colossal fraud and to see others coming to admit that we were right. Meanwhile the bloody dance has begun and all its evil consequences will follow. Here the press announced that the police have the names and addresses of all radicals and will proceed in due time. You know what that means. Not is it will be impossible to do anything in the way of meetings as they may all be stopped. I wish I could write so easily as Rudolf does. I too would give up all lecture work and write. But writing to me is like child birth, especially when I have to write in the void. I am therefore trying to get a publisher for a book on Spain.

I know nothing more about Angelica except that Jeanne Levy wrote me she was refused a renewal. I am sure it is probably not so definite now with the war on. I thought she has all sorts of important contacts that would help her, besides she is not an anarchist so what can be the reason?

You say the Mohegan affair made \$200 was that all for our Spanish refugees or also for Challenge? I could not bear the paper, it was so empty until the last issue. If it would only continue it would be worth while. I hope it does.

With love to your impossible hobby, to Polly and Fernin and to your dear self. Please, please let me know about the Hererra material I simply must see it.

Emma



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*as you see my letter was returned
Emma Goldman gave me your
new address.*

155 VAUGHAN ROAD
TORONTO
ONTARIO

Sept 2nd 39

U'n

Dear Comrade. You probably know by this time that I am in Canada. I arrived ~~in~~ April 17th and have remained in Toronto since then. During ~~may~~ we had some successful meetings but with the arrival of the summer all activities had to come to a stop. We did have a social gathering June 27th as a token of love from the comrades to my 70th anniversary. And we are ~~again~~ having a large public dinner the 30th of this month as a testimonial to my active service in our ranks which marked the half century last month. This is to be for the purpose to create and Emma Goldman Spanish Refugee Rescue Fund. However it is not this I am ~~asking~~ you know so much as to find out whether there is a chance of some meetings in Winnipeg. I would be so glad to come there again and see you and other comrades and friends who have not quite forgotten me. My object of lectures is ~~largely~~ to throw clear light on the heroic struggle of our Spanish comrades in the liberation of Spain, and also to expose the part played by Stalin during the anti Fascist war. Lastly but, not least I am engaged in a campaign to raise funds for our martyred comrades in the hideous French concentration camps. Of course I can speak on other themes, but Spain is my main objective since I was close to the heart of our people, and know the inside story as few who have been in Spain.

I should like to know as soon as possible whether you would be willing to undertake the arrangement of a few lectures in English and Jewish. Of course it will be necessary to charge admission as I still must depend for my living ~~expenses~~ and railroad expenses on the receipts of lectures. Perhaps Simkin has not entirely forgotten me and would be helpful. I have been told that there are a few Liberal Jews who would be willing to help financially but that they cannot take the initiative to organize meetings. So perhaps you will start the ball rolling. I would be ready to proceed to Winnipeg early in November. And remain a week or ten days, or more if necessary.

Hoping to hear from you without delay.

Fraternally.

Emma Goldman

The inclosures will I hope interest you and possibly help to interest other people.

*name for
mail cc B Altan*

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Emma Goldman

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TORONTO Sept 4th 39
ONTARIO

Dear Leon. If you knew how swamped I am with correspondents you would not wonder why I do not write more often to you. I suppose you think I can still do wonders, prepare and deliver lectures, write books and keep up a vast correspondence. Yes, I know I am seventy "young". Just the same I can no longer do the amount of work I used to. Especially typing. I never was much of a moid in that. And now I feel a wreck after each days task of letters. Anyhow, you will have to content yourself with an occasional letter.

Maybe passing through Albany this week. If he does he will call you up. Babsie is motoring him here but they have to do it in slow stages as any sort of strain and excitement is poison for him. In fact, I am most uneasy about his trip and shall only feel relieved when I see him here.

The thirtieth of this month we will have a public dinner and musicale in this city. Rose Pesotte will be the guest speaker. It is to help me create an E.G. Spanish Refugee ~~fund~~ fund as a testimonial to my fifty years active service in our ranks. It would be fine if you could be with us. *Rec'd. and*

What I had been predicting for two years and for which I was roundly denounced was the love feast of Stalin and Hitler. A worthy couple I must say. At least the otherwise called democracies do not pretend their "Socialist" tendencies, faithfully they stand for their class. It was left to that dreadful man on Russias throne to betray the masses once more. I am sure his lickspittles will defend his blackest treachery as they have his crimes in Spain and in the *ad* *after*

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rest of the world. As for myself I am as certain as I can be that the pact between the two dictators has hastened the new world cataclims. It is too awful to think about.

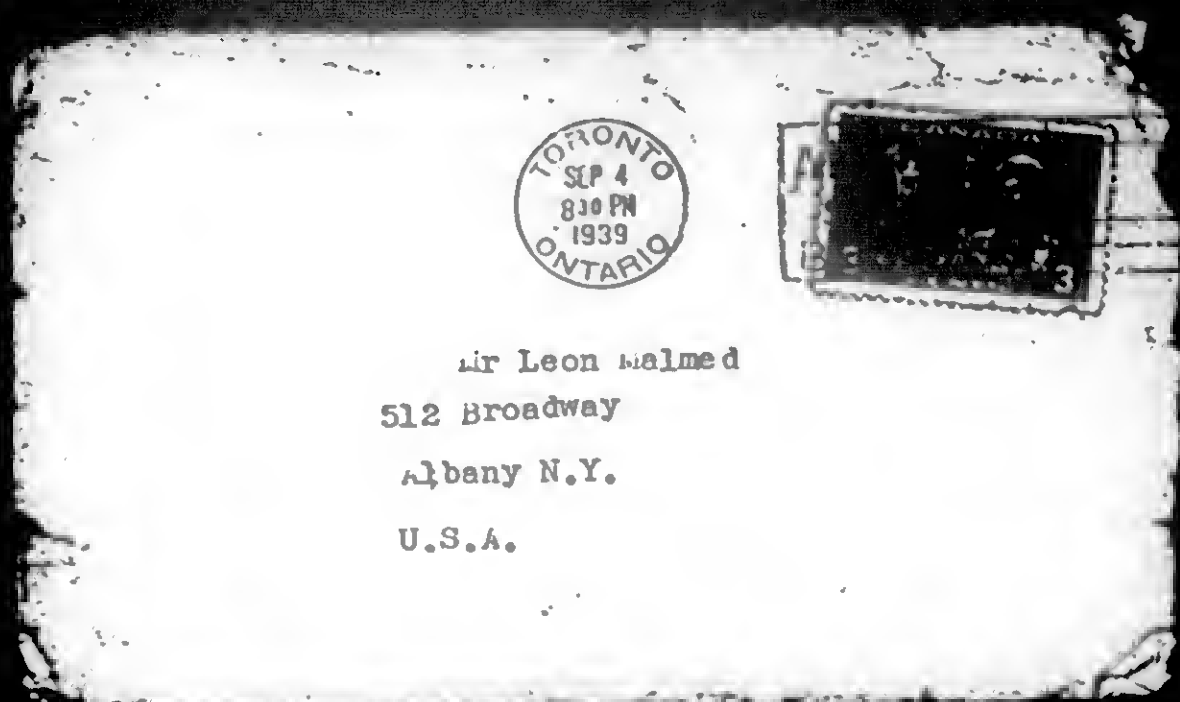
Goodby dear Leon. Affectionately.



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September 5, 1939

E. G. Colton
295 Vaughn Avenue
Toronto, Ontario

Dearest Sam,

I meant to answer your letter earlier but certain events on the international scene and things that happened here caused the delay. While I read your letter a friend of mine walked into the office; recalling that he originally spoke about recordings made easy, I asked him what it would cost to make a master record and what the cost would be to make copies from it. He told me that it would be much less than the price they quoted for you and suggested that he would be in the next day with the details. Well, I am still waiting for him. In view of the fact that the time is short I suggest that you make your record, I will get one for myself and then whoever of the comrades will want a record you will be able to make them afterwards.

I received from Sonia about two dozen photographs, a study of hands, with a short article on the hand idea. He wants me to sell them to some art magazine. I have tried the magazine "Life" and got them back. It dawned upon me that Harry Weinburger once told me that he was interested in photography, he may give us a hand. I promptly forwarded to him several of these photos asking him to help us and received the enclosed reply. I am writing him to get in touch with Manuel Komroff immediately. I am sure that Komroff's influence with "Coronet" may help us sell these photos to the magazines.

Things in Europe are getting worse. Has anyone from London written to you recently? I do not know whether I can correspond openly now with people outside of the United States. The letters I received from Holly are copied and I am sending them out to the magazines, perhaps they will use some of them.

It seems to me that any title you will give to the E. G. Spanish Fund will suffice now. I am not so sure that they will remain in the French concentration camps very long. Perhaps the French government will set them to work for their board.

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E. G. Golden

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I am definitely set to be in Toronto on September 5th.
Until then, hoping you are well. Let us know how you get
your mail.

My love,

Rose

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Emma Goldman

333 VAUGHAN ROAD

TORONTO Sept 7th39

ONTARIO

Dearest Milly. In answer to your note which reached me to day about sending money to Mollie I think if you were to send it through a bank it would be perfectly safe. The P.O. ifx would be taking a chance of confiscation although the new world exchange has not yet developed to that extent. I am sure a bank is perfectly safe.

About Mollie, she and Senia were to go on their vacation for a month Aug. 21st. They must have gone because I too did not hear from Mollie. No doubt they came back when France joined the dance of death. You say you wrote M. 11 days ago. Well, you could not possibly have an answer so soon. Senia has been sending me **BLENNI** Miliukov's paper. The last issue I received is dated Aug. 19th. So they were still in Paris.

Needless to say I am very worried about them and the many other friends in the stricken countries. What will become of our refugees? A letter from Martin Gidell informs me that some have already been forced back to France. They were given the choice of that or digging trenches in France. Most of our people have refused both. How long will the French government permit them to stand firm? Even if they will be left to themselves their lives are in the greatest of danger. The camps are still in the open, they will therefore be the first targets in case of bombardment. As if our people have not endured enough. Their situation is too ghastly to contemplate.

For a few months over 29 years since Sasha and I began a large anti War campaign. It only lasted six weeks and all we had labored for through the years was swept away as by a tornado.

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Now when I have nothing to lose and would willingly take a stand
against the new horrors I have no friends at my side or anyone else,
no movement and no country willing to risk anything except an
Italian ship and in his way it would not mean deportation to Italy.
I cannot take that responsibility. In my case it would probably
also mean deportation to England. The whole very thought makes me shiver.
I have suffered humiliations and accusations of the most fantastic
kind in that sheep keeper country I cannot face it again. In other
words, it means to be condemned to silence when one wants to cry out
AGAINST THE MARCHES, the hypocrisy the awful shame.

Our letters have crossed. When you get mine
please reply without delay.

With love to you and Rudolf.

Where is Fernia, what is he doing, and Polly? Give them my love.

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Emma Goldman

258 VAUGHAN ROAD

TORONTO
ONTARIO

Sept. 10th 39

Dearest Rose. Thanks for your letter. I have decided to let the record go for the present. It is impossible for me to paddle my own canoe in re my voice. Who cares a damn whether it remains on record or not? The dinners outside of Toronto look dubious anyhow. And that was the only purpose of the record.

Inclosed you will find your complimentary ticket. You can have two if someone else comes with you of course. This week Joe Desser and another comrade will canvass some of the unions, and Seltzer and Langbord go after the Arbeiterzings. I hope it will be decently attended. The announcement will go into the Freie Arb. Stimme and the Forwards. By the way, what is the name of the man in the Montreal paper. You once wrote me but I have filed away your letter. Let me know soon.

With love.

Emma

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Emma Goldman

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TORONTO Sept. 12th 39
ONTARIO

Liza, my dearest.

I have no idea when this will reach you or if at all. But I feel so anxious about you I simply must write. I did receive a card from you and the promise you would write soon. I understand why you have not. The tension must be great and the worry too much to bother about writing. Still, I wish I knew how you are, what you are doing and how you are feeling.

You remember what I so often said about Stalin making frantic love to Hitler. It has come about. I wonder will that open the eyes of his admirers and hangers on. I remember so well that even Luckerman scorned my prediction. Well, it was no surprise to me. I only hope that those to whom it was an impossibility will now realize that no perfidity and crime are impossible for that colossal fraud in Russia. The other night I attended a Jewish meeting of the Socialist Club and Arbeiter Ring. I could hardly believe my ears to hear speaker after speaker say the same things about Soviet Russia I have been saying for 17 years and for which I was condemned by them and every body else. Now they spoke of the betrayal of the International proletariat and the Jews. It is a bit too late I fear. But then, better late than never.

And about the War. How I wish I had been wrong. I am not as those who take delight in saying "I told you so." The price is too terrible and human suffering too great to rejoice in having seen clearer than others.

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About myself there is little to say. My tour through western Canada has not come about. Partly the War and mainly the apathy of people. I was to have a meeting next Tuesday here. That too is off. I was hoping to get a publisher for a book on Spain. But it looks dubious as Spain has been forgotten and so have the unfortunate refugees. In other words I feel gagged and helpless. But I admit I feel more at home here than I have in England. So here I must remain.

I inclose an invitation to the dinner the 30th of this month. I would give anything if you could be near me then. But as that cannot be I will think of you with love. Do you hear from Luba? I have written her in reply to a letter of hers but have received no answer. I wonder how she is. I can imagine how she and your sister worry about you. When you write them give Luba my love and greet your sister kindly. Please tell Z. I have received the Menorah Journal but have had no time to read his article as yet. I will soon.

Please, please write me if only a card.

I embrace you with love.

Emma

Affectionate greetings to the Lazovers, kind regards to the Zucker mans, Lovehovev, Rosens and the rest.

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September 12, 1939.

E. G. Colton
296 Vaughan Road
Toronto, Ontario

Dear Emma,

The name of the man on the "Montreal Eagle" is, I think, Melamed. Bernard Shane sees him weekly and he could get the news into the paper very easily.

It would be a good idea for you to make one record for five dollars and when I see you I can get the record and take it along with me and duplicate it here in Boston.

I am leaving for New York and dashing this letter off in a hurry. I shall be with you on the 30th.

Love,

Rose

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Mexico, D.F., Sept. 13, 1939.

Dear comrade Emma:

Having found your address in the N.Y. T. Magazine, I am writing you this letter to greet you and at the same time to tell you that I have been in Mexico since June.

I have recently received a letter from Gudell who tells me that it would be possible that he came here too, but not I see it quite difficult on account of the war. I believe you are aware of the manner in which the Mexican Minister in Paris, Mr. Baez, has rejected great many comrades who were about to sail. I am not giving you more details because I believe you have read them in the report of our Council in Paris. However, I can tell you that there is plenty to say about things here, for I went as a delegate of our movement in to Veracruz, for the three boats arrived in that port.

To begin with, I must tell you that of those who came there was an insulting preference given to the bureaucrats, the ex-deputies and the rest of the fauna, all of them belonging to the Party. These people got all sort of facilities, they were allowed to proceed to the capital, to enjoy a high subsidy and of the money which personally each one brought along from his thefts in Spain. On the other hand, those non-Negrinists, and particularly those of the CNT had to ~~maintain~~ face all sorts of difficulties, obstacles, etc., and they were not permitted to go to the capital; they were compelled to wait until a job would be found for them somewhere in the interior. In the meantime, they were kept on board the Spanish boat Manuel Arnus and other places which were not of the best to say the least. This famous Mexican Committee has created absolutely nothing throughout all this time. Only a bureaucracy of idlers who spend money right and left and to support their satellites and favorites. At the present they are organizing several enterprises, and among other things they bought a metal plant, some land in Chihuahua, Meridia, etc., and a publishing house at a cost of 300,000 which is directed by Jose Bergamin. Perhaps they will publish a book to justify the expense, but it will be perhaps 1,9999.

As regards our comrades, they are about one thousand here. At the beginning there ~~was~~ was some trouble, but they are all now properly registered and we have a committee of the Libertarian Movement who is now facing the Technical Committee of the SEME and demanding direct participation of our movement in the interior affairs, such as control on jobs, money, etc. Something has been obtained already and at this time they are in pourparleys with this that Popular Committee.

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As far as I am concerned, personally, I am still without a job. I went to a factory but I must wait until they notify me. If things continue in this manner it is probable that I go to work in the country. Please answer me whether you understand this letter all right. If in the affirmative I will give you more details in subsequent letters with regard to the lives of our comrades and in connection with other interesting matters.

With fraternal greetings, I am

Simon Radowitzky

Please note that my name here is Raul Gomez Saavedra
Address: Apartado de Correos No. 9090
Mexico City, Mexico

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Emma Goldman

295 VAUGHAN ROAD

TORONTO, Sept 24th 39
ONTARIO

Dearest Rose. I have yours of the 12th inst. I have followed your directions in writing Bernard Shane and asking him to get after the man on the Eagle to announce our Banquet and your presence as our guest speaker. I hope he attends to the matter. An announcement will also go sent to the Fr. Arb. Stimme, and lastly I just talked to Morris Langbord about an announcement in the Jewish papers herein this city. As you see it will be widely known that you will be our guest speaker. I know you will not let us down no matter what happens just so you are as handsome, hail and healthy as ever. Seriously my dear you must permit nothing to interfere with your coming.

I am leaving for Windsor Wed and will be back Saturday morning. When will you get here? Of course you will stay with me on that nice soft studio couch and not on the ~~hard~~ hard bed in London. I hope you will not have to rush away first thing Sunday morning so we might have a talk about a number of things.

Darling there is no way of making one record for \$5. The original record costs forty dollars and there is no way of making a transcription of one or more unless you have the original. I have given up the whole idea as I cannot afford to invest so much money and in the present tragic situation it is impossible for me to write the comrades about such a trivial matter as a record of my voice.

You bet I am looking forward eagerly to your coming next Saturday.

With much love.

Emma

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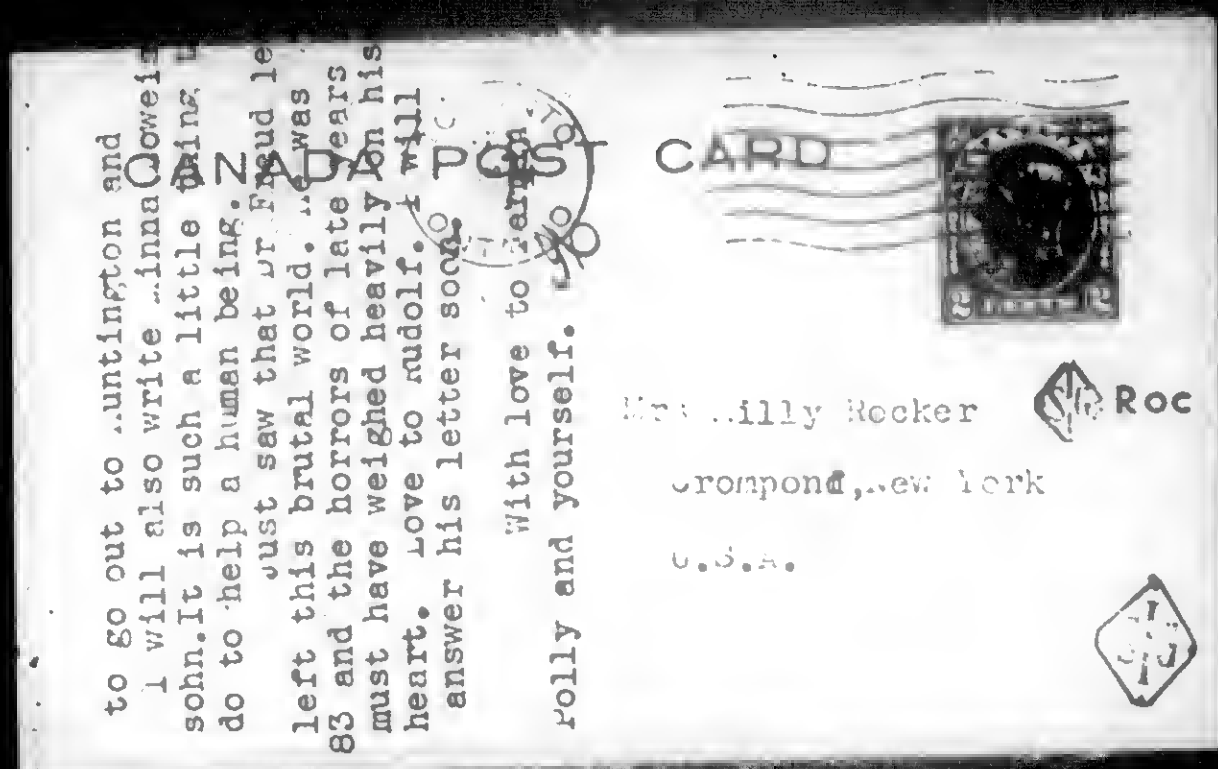
Toronto Sept 25th 39.
Dearest Milly. Yes, Rudolf's letter reached me. The
reason for not acknowledging it is that I had my
brother and Labsie here for two weeks and I ~~was~~
bebugged every minute away from them. Joe looks rem-
arcable for all he has gone through, but he is an
invalid for the rest of his years. and Labsie is
also suffering beynd belief. but they are both brave
if only Joe were not so isolated. his loneliness
is a great source of worry for me. all alone night
after night with only his dog to watch him, the
thought fairly haunts me. if only I could induced
my friends to go out there once a month, ~~for~~ each
during the week or Sundays. it would mean so much
to him and would relieve me greatly. I wrote Pauline

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September 26, 1939

E. G. Colton
295 Vaughan Road
Toronto, Ontario

Dearest Emma,

My plans are to leave Boston sometime
Friday afternoon and shall positively be at your
house on Saturday morning.

You told me that I will have to make
the appeal; I shall have to study my piece after
we decide how to go about it.

I am sure that Brother Shane will see
the Eagle reporter and they will have a news item
about the affair.

I am looking forward to seeing you on
Saturday.

Love,

Rose

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Emma Goldman

295 VAUGHAN ROAD

TORONTO
ONTARIO

Oct. 4, 1939.

Dear Freie Arbeiter Stimme:

I have not forgotten that you are celebrating your fortieth anniversary next month. I certainly do not want to be one of the last among your comrades and supporters to congratulate ^{you} on the occasion and to wish you many returns of ~~further~~ more useful and intensive years to come. You and I have not always gone the same way. In point of fact, you have in your younger years been not only critical but also condemnatory of the activities of our late comrade, Alexander Berkman and of my own. But as we also had occasion to be at logger heads with you for some of the things you considered important and held high we have no reasons to reproach each other. The fact that we have retained friendship proves that anarchists respect the opinions of others so long as they consider them sincere and earnest. It is a comfort, therefore, to know that you and I had often agreed to disagree.

In as much as I, myself, celebrated my 50th anniversary in the anarchist and labour ranks I consider myself not only older than you are but also feel that I might take the liberty to call your attention to the need of stressing our thoughts more than it has been done by you for some time. The shock received by the adherents of Soviet Russia and their hangers-on has aroused many communists and their fellow travellers from their childish belief in the wonders that is Soviet Russia. While it is true of the ~~communists~~ ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ Marx exists as it is of the Catholics that once a Marxist always a Marxist, it is nevertheless a fact that there is a considerable exodus from the holy grail. Many of those who had been deaf, blind, and dumb as to what was going on in Russia and utterly unaware of Stalin's manoeuvres in Germany are now beating their chests and crying "I have sinned". Their former fanatic love for the ruler of Russia has now turned into fanatical hate. It has always been thus with people who do not do their own thinking or stand firmly on their own feet. They cling to a fetish and when it is taken from them they are utterly lost. But it is also true that these people will find their bearings and it is up to us to help to give them confidence ~~and~~ ^{and} to show them the errors of their past.

Never before it seems to me was it so necessary to bring to the attention of people we can reach the logic and justice of anarchist thought and tactics. Never before was the soil so fertile for our ideas to take root. It is for this reason, dear Freie Arbeiter Stimme, that I would like to believe that on your fortieth anniversary you will begin from the beginning only with your forty years experience, knowledge, and layus hone wisdom. That you will again appear in your real colours and ideas, an out and out anarchist voice that will articulate anarchist thought and especially that will attempt to interpret European events from our angle, bravely, courageously and daringly.

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Emma Goldman

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TORONTO
ONTARIO

Many of us have watched with an aching heart the slow decay of the Russian Revolution and the devastating contagion spread over the world by the communists and their fellow-travellers. We have followed the zig-zag movements of Stalin within Russia and we were therefore justified in our contention that the man would shrink before nothing no matter how despicable in his lust for power politics. I am, therefore, certain that you, too, dear Freie Arbeiter Stimme were, too, little surprised when you learned of the black treachery of the pact between him and Hitler. His was merely a continuation of the betrayal of the Spanish people and Revolution. Indeed, the pact can only be understood in the light ~~of what the democracies and Soviet Russia have done in Spain.~~ of what the democracies and Soviet Russia have done in Spain. Yet, while we knew long ago what to expect from the self-appointed dictators you and I, dear F. A. S., are big enough, I hope, not to indulge in the commonplace slogan "I told you so". The price that the youth of every land is called upon to pay by their blood and life is too great for us to harbour any spirit of revenge. But it is necessary for us to increase our efforts to expose the myth that has been accepted as gospel truth. To expose the lie foisted on the world that Stalin and his followers have been destined by history to put the iron heel of communism on the necks of the International Proletariat.

Nothing dies so hard and painful as a lie. But it is perishable and now is the time when it is breathing its last. More reasons for us, dear F. A. S., to close our ranks, to eliminate all personal and group scabbles, to become once more the advance guard in the struggle for human emancipation and economic and social freedom.

I wish you more strength, deeper faith, more passionate fire to do your share in the struggle before us. In this way alone you will prove yourself worthy of the great task you began forty years ago. I should prefer to be present at your anniversary and to add my voice to the many who will greet you. But as this is impossible I will be with you in thought and in the struggle still before you to the very end.

Fraternally,

Emma Goldman

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און ווארשע, און ווארשע, און ווארשע.

דערשיינט פון ניוטון און נע
וועלכע פארשטייט דעם וועגן
(פון אויף לעבעדיג)

שער און נעוועלעכע רעאקציע
יאָרן דאָס וואָס מ'רופט נעוועלעכע
אָר רע אַלס - נ. י. ס.

עמא גאלדמאן

מער קראפט, מער גלויבן!

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אמת, סיר דארט אויפדעקן דעם
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דער פון אינערנע צייטן פאר
לעבאריאט.

קין זאך שטארבט נישט אזוי לאנג
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עס, פאַר אַר. ש. מ. מוין יענגער
שליסן אונדערע רייען, פאַרוואָס
אלע פערזענלעכע און גרופּן פירער
רייען, און ווין נעמינזאָס שטעלן
אין אַ פאַרשטע רייען אין קאמפ
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זאך עמאַנאַציאָנע, און סאַציאַלער
אָנפֿריוונג.

איר וווינט איר פער קלאַס, סיר
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קאמפ, וואָס סיר, אלע דארטן פירן
בין ענר.

מיט חבר'שן גרוס,
ע. מ. ג. א. ד. ס. א. ו.
14טן אָקט, 1939, טאָראָנטאָ, קאַנ.

און, לאמיר האָבן — וויזוהייט. וויר
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דער שטאַנדפונקט — בראַז, מוטין
און נעוואָנט.

א סך צווישן אונדז האָבן מיט אַ
וויזוהייט האָבן אַרצן נאָכגעקוקט די
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סישער רעוואָלוציע און די נייטטיקע
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נען ווערן נאָר אין דעם ליכט, וואָס
די דעמאָקראַטיעס און דאָס סאָוועט
רוסלאַנד האָבן אָפּגעטאָן אין שפּאַ-
ניע, כאַטש טיר האָבן געוואָסן
לאַנג צוריק, וואָס מיר קאָנען דער
וואָרשן פון די זעלעכע-באַשטימטע
דימאָסטראַס, דאָך האָט איר, טייערע
פאַר, אַר. ש. מ. און איר, ווין נישט
דערלויבט אַרונטערצולאָזן ווין צום
באָנאלן שפּורן: „אי טאָלד יו סאָל!“
דער פרייז, וואָס די יונגס פון יערן

ווייערע מיטלויפער פון ווייער קינ
דיטן גלויבן אין די וואונדער פון
סאָוועטלאַנד, כאַטש עס איז אמת
וועגן די מאַרקסיסטן, ווי וועגן קא-
טאָליק, אז איינמאָל אַ מאַרקסיסט
— אלעמאָל אַ מאַרקסיסט, איז פון
דעסטוועגן אַ פאַקט, אז מען פאַר-
לאָזט אין מאַסן ווייער הייליקן
מעמפּל, א סך פון די, וואָס וויעל
נעווען ביו היינט טויב, בלינד און
שטום צו דעם אַלץ, וואָס קומט פאַר
אין רוסלאַנד און ווי האָבן ווין נישט
וויסנדיק נעמאכט פון סטאַלין'ס
פלענער מיט רער איצטיקער דויטש
לאַנד, שפּאַניש ווין אין האַרצן און
ווי שרייען: „סיר האָבן געווינדען!“
ווייער פריערדיקע פאַנאַטישע ליבע צו
די הערשער פון רוסלאַנד האָט ווין
פאַרוואַנדלט אין אַ פאַנאַטישן האַט.
אזוי פאַסירט אלעמאָל מיט מענטשן,
וואָס טראַכטן נישט וועלכע שטענדיק,
וואָס שטייען נישט פּעסט אויף ווייער
פּיס, ווי קלאַמערן ווין אַן אַ פער
טיש און נעמט מען ביי ווי די פיד
ציע אַוועק, פילן ווי ווין נענצלעך
פאַרלאָרן. נעווען וועלן די מענטשן
נענענען ווייער נייטע וועגן אָבער עס
איז אונדער פליכט ווי אַנצווייזן
אויף ווייערע נעווענענע סעווען און
זיי העלפן צו נעווענען נייטע סוס
און גלויבן.

עס איז נאָך קיינמאָל, דוכט סיר,
נישט נעווען אזוי נויט, ווי היינט,
יצו ברענגען צו די מענטשן, וואָס מיר
קענען גלויבן, די לאַגיק און די נע-
רעכטיקייט פון די אַנאַרביסטישע
אידעען און סאַפּסיס, איר דאָס פּעלד
נאָך קיינמאָל נישט נעווען אזוי פּרובירט
באַר צו פאַרוואַרצלען אונדערדע נע-
דאנקען, און אַס דעריבער, טייערע
פרייע אַרבעטער שטייט, וויל איר
גלויבן, אז מיט אייער פּעריקליקייט
וובל וועט איר אָנפאַנגען אַ נייטע
אָנהויב — אָבער, מיט אייערע
פּעריקליקייט, יאָר דערפאַרונג, וויסן

טייערע, פאַר אַר. שטייט: —
איר האָבן נישט פאַרנעם, אז איר
פייערט דעם חודש אייער פּעריקליקייט
יוביליי, איר וויל זיכער נישט ווין
איינע פון די לעצטע צווישן אייערע
קאמפּאַרן, און פריינט איר צו בא-
גריסן ביי דער נעלעגנהייט און צו
ווינטשן איר נאָך אַ סך יוביליאַנס
— נוצלעכע און נאָך טעראַינטע-
סיווע יאָרן אין דער צוקונפֿט, נישט
אלעמאָל וויעלן סיר, איר און איר,
נענענען אויפן וועלכע וועג אמת,
אין אייערע אינגערע יאָרן האָט איר
ווין נישט בלויז באַצויגן פרייזש, נאָר
אויך פאַרדאָסט די סעטיקייטן פון
אונדער, קאמפּאַרד אַלעקסאַנדער
בערסטאָן און פון מיר, אָבער אזוי
ווי אויך סיר האָבן צייטנווייז ביטער
באַקעמט טייל סיגנונען אייערע,
וועלכע איר האָט באַטראַכט ווי ווייער
וויכטיקע, האָבן סיר נישט קיין גרויס
איינע די אַנדערע וואָס אויפצו-
וואָרשן, דער פאַקט, וואָס מיר האָבן
איינגעהיט אונדער פריינשאַפּט,
באַשטעטיקט, אז אַנאַרביסטן רעס-
פּעטיקן די סיגנונען פון אַנדערע,
אויב ווי באַטראַכטן ווי ווייער ערנסטע
און אויפריכטיקע, עס איז אָנגענעם
צו נעדענקען, אז איר און איר האָבן
אַפּטאָל איינגעשטימט, נישט איינ-
שטייט צו ווין.

אזוי ווי איר אליין האָבן געפייערט
טיין פֿ'ס פֿ'ס צו י. ס. יאָהאָנסן, יור
בילוי, אַלס אַנאַרביסטן, וואָס איר
בעטערטווערן, באַטראַכט איר ווין
נישט בלויז אַלס עלטער ווי איר,
נאָר איר פיל אויך, אז איר מען
זיך נעמען די פרייהייט צו ציען
איינער אויפּמערקזאַמקייט, אויף דער
נייטיקייט מער צו אַנטשטרייכען
אונדערע אידעען, ווי איר סוס עס
צייטנווייז, די אויפּשטעלונג, וואָס
האַט געטראָפּן די אָנהענגער און סיר
פאַטיקער פון סאָוועט-רוסלאַנד, האָט
אויפגעוועקט אַ סך קאָמוניסטן און

די ריבע פאַרשיידנאַרטיקייט פון סא-
ציאַלע לעבנסדערשיינונגען אין די
ראטען פון דער, אזוי אָנערענענע,
גלויבט אַלס ווין, דער
גלויבשאַלטונג, וואָס אינדער'אמת'
איז, זי נאָר אַ געשטאַלצטער אויס-
דרוק פון ווייער נייטטיקער בא-
שרענקטקייט, נייטטיקע טעמפּקייט און
ברוטאַלע נעוואָלט נייטן חסיד ווייט
באָזייט, דעריבער איז דער אומ-
באַגרעניצטער דעספּאָטיזם לבני, די
איינענע פּאָליטישענאַסן, דער דעספּאָ-
טיזם, וואָס פירט, לאַגישערווייז, צו
א סכר'דיקער באַרראָונג פון
פּערטער פּעלסער — אַן אומפאַרטייך
לעבער פּועל-יוצא פון אַ סיסטעם,
וואָס האָט נישט דעם מינדסטן דר'אָרץ
פאַרן, טענטשן; פון אַ סיסטעם,
וועמעס פאַרשטייער לייזן פון דער
סטונגע, אז די טויטע טעכאָניק פון
מאַכטפּאָליטישע כּאָנונים איז בכח
צו פאַרנעמען דעם פּלאַץ פון אָנאַ-
נישן לעבן.

דאָס איז דער אַרס דענקען, וואָס
איז אלעמאָל נעווען דער נייטטיקער
באָזייט פאַר יעדער טיראַני, וואָרן
רעספּאָנס פון נעדאנקען פירט
שטענדיק צו דעספּאָטיזם פון טעטיקייט.
ווער עס האַלט, אז מ'קען אריינ-
קוועטשען אין באַשטימטע פאַרמען
אלע אויסערוונגען פון נייטטיקן און
סאַציאַל לעבן, דער טוי, לאַגישער
וויין, באַטראַכטן ווי אַ שונא יעדן
איינעם, וואָס וויל ווין נישט אָפּוואַגן
פון ווין רעכט אויף וועלכע שטענ-
דיקן דענקען און האַנדלען, אזוי
ארום ווערט נייטטיקע וועלכע שטענ-
דיקייט היינצופאַרעם לגבי דעם פּאָלס,
אָדער, ריכטיקער אויסנעדריקט, לבני
די סאַכט-האַבער, וועלכע 'טייטשן'
אויס אויף ווייער אייגענעם וועג דעם
פֿ'ס פֿ'ס פֿ'ס פֿ'ס פֿ'ס פֿ'ס פֿ'ס פֿ'ס
צווינגען אַרויף ווייער אויסטייטונג,
וואָס זיי רופן אָן — נאַציאָנאַלע
אידעע, אויפן פּאָלס, שטעל'ט ווין
עסיצער קעגן דעם, דאָן פאַרטייבט
מען אים פונם לאַנד, מען פאַרפאַקט
אים אין אַ קאָנצענטראַציע-לאַגער,
אָדער ס'טאַכט אים, „אומשעדלעך“
אויף אַ וואָסער-ניט, איז אַנדער וועג,
און כדי צו באַרעכטיקן דאָס אָנווענדן
פון ברוטאַלער מאַכט קעגן די פאַר-
טרעטער פון אומבאַקוועמע אידעען,
רוכט מען אַן דיראַקטע אידעען —
„אויסלענדישע“, אָדער „אידישע טא-
בינאַציעס“, וואָס דאָס איז אַיינע און

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Oct. 4, 1939.

Dear Samuel Freedman, New York

Thanks to the help of my dear friend, Millie Lesser, I was able to write a greeting to the F. A. S. It was the best I could do. I hope it is what you want. *Free Arbeiter Stimme.*

I don't want to mar the bright spirit prevailing in the F. A. S. over the impending event, but I must tell you that I am bitterly disappointed in the way you are treating me. I realize what it means to get out an anniversary ~~set~~ ^{issue} of a paper, but I do not think there is any excuse in not answering an urgent request. Ever since I have reached Canada I have asked you to send me a list of your subscribers in Canada. You have promised to do so months ago, but you have failed. I am asking you once more to send these addresses at once as I am most likely going to tour western Canada. Winnipeg has already responded. Naturally I would like to cover other western cities, as it is hardly worthwhile to spend large railroad expenses for just Winnipeg alone. Will you please take five minutes time and send me these names and addresses.

Another thing I have asked you which is very important to me is the names of the people who have sent contributions to the F. A. S. for my 70th anniversary. Whatever the amount was I surely ought to know about it and I ought to be in a position to write the friends and to acknowledge what they had contributed. They will be right in considering me an ingrate not having the decency not even writing them a line. I am not used to such ways. I, therefore, hope that this appeal to you will not go by the board.

I hope the anniversary undertaking of the F. A. S. will be a great success. With kind greetings to the comrades and yourself.

Emma

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TELEPHONE MELROSE 2221

Emma Goldman

295 VAUGHAN ROAD

TORONTO

ONTARIO Oct. 5, 1939.

Dear Minna:

I have been friendly since I received your letter of August 15th between that date and the end of last month I had constant visitors. Pauline, my niece Ruth and her family, my brother Moe and his wife. I had longed for them so much that I begrudged every moment away from them. Nevertheless, I had to prepare a lecture on the Stalin Hitler pact deliver it at a large meeting attended by 800 people. Then, too, I went to Windsor for two lectures. I could have saved that exertion, as the meetings were badly attended. Lastly, was the banquet, which took place last Saturday. There were only 100 people present and only \$130.00 were contributed to the fund for our Spanish comrades. But the spirit was beautiful. Quite a number of branches of the Arbeiter Ring and Unions sent their delegates. The poverty of our movement in this city considered we all felt the banquet was a great success. This merely goes to prove that if there is a will there is a way. Some of our comrades talked as you had that the dinner would be a failure. As you see, it was not.

I realize that it was impossible to arrange anything with the F. A. S. absorbing all energies and attention. I certainly wouldn't want the 40th anniversary of the paper in any way injured. So it was quite alright that nothing was done for me so far. I should say not for me but for the Spanish Refugees. I hope however that you will proceed with some kind of an undertaking for my testimonial fund for the rescue of the Refugees, even in December it would be alright because it is this year that marks my 50 years in the revolutionary ranks. I cannot impress upon you enough how desperate is the need of our Spanish comrades. A letter from a comrade in Mexico tells me that a 1000 of our refugees have already reached there. But while they have their freedom to move about they are also free to starve for aught anybody cares. An effort is being made to settle them on the land, but, of course, means will be necessary. A similar venture has been started in France. There only 121 of our comrades were permitted to take of a piece of land which they intend to work. Here, too, money is needed, and, unless I can get the co-operation of comrades in different cities in America as I did here I will be unable to help our poor marked people. I know there are enough people in N. Y. who would be helpful in organizing a dinner. It only needs someone to take the initiative and I ask you to be that person. You never permitted anybody to discourage you before I cannot believe that you will do so now.

Send me Bessie Kimmelman's address, if you have it. A telegram was received at the banquet from Cleveland signed by her and comrade Dan. I would like to get in touch with them.

I was certainly surprised to get "love" from Gabrielle and Irma Jaffshitz. They used to be supposedly devoted friends of mine.

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out the last few years they kept afoot. Gabrielle knew when I was in Paris last April and knew where I was stopping, yet did not make an effort to see me. So why all this love all of a sudden.

Dear Minna, I expect to hear from you very soon that you are proceeding with your old energies and devotion. You used to be so marvelous in organizing things for Pasha. I am certain if he were alive he would also would want to work for the Spanish refugees. I am now called upon to strain every nerve for both of us so you simply must help.

Give my affectionate greetings to Harry and Leah and greetings to all the comrades who haven't entirely forgotten me.

With love,

Emma

P. S. — my dear Minna, I am going to ask you a very great favour. I am going to ask you to pay my brother a visit. His address is 39 New York Ave., Huntington, L. I. N. Y. I am asking this because my brother is an invalid owing to years of illness and a subsequent amputated leg. He cannot get about and as his wife is nursing most of the time he is left alone only with a faithful dog to watch over him. I am asking my friends and members of the family to organize a sort of pilgrimage to my brother. If each one will go once a month he would not feel quite so desolate and lonely. Perhaps you can induce Harry to go out with you. He is very fond of Harry and he knows my brother very well. If you two could go our some Sunday it would be a godsend to me. Please do it for my sake. By the way, his telephone is Huntington 3346. I am not quite sure whether you have met him. In phoning tell him that you are a dear friend of mine and he will be glad to see you.

Devotedly,

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TELEPHONE MELROSE 2221

Emma Goldman

295 VAUGHAN ROAD

TORONTO
ONTARIO

Oct. 6th 39

Dear Ben. A letter from Jeanne Bevey to day tells me of your attack of your heart and that you are in the Mount Sinai Hospital. I wish she had given me the address as well. Since she did not I will send this to her to forward to you.

I am rightfully sorry dear Ben that you were stricken. I cannot say I am surprised, with the pace you kept all your life. I hope you will lay off for a while. I mean rest as much as possible. I know you still attract the ladies. But the heart is not so young any more, hence can not respond to your affairs d'amour. Seriously speaking dear Ben you should make up your mind to sit back and invite your soul in wisdom and contemplation.

It may sound banal to say I am terribly sorry. And yet it is true. I hope when this reaches you you will be on the way to great improvement. Perhaps you will ask Brutus to keep me informed of the progress you are making.

Your old friend.

Emma

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Dear Clara. The inclosed clipping speaks for itself, also the inclosed note which is intended for L'Adunata. Please rush both to them. As you know we have no movement and most of the few we have are in a panic. It has therefore resolved on me to do everything to secure our arrested men. Money is desperately needed. I am sure the Italians of the paper will do their utmost to help. It has to be done quickly. So do not delay in taking the note and clipping to them.

I have not forgotten the article. In fact I had arranged with Milly Desser to take it on the machine yesterday. But I was so busy with the case I had not a minute. Milly is coming again tomorrow. If I can get a few undisturbed hours I will write the article on the pact. I want to do it my dear, but I have been rushed from one thing to another without a moments rest or repose.

Please my dear see the Italians without delay.

Affectionately.

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Emma Goldman

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TORONTO Oct. 7, 1939.
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Dear Herbert:

It was a great treat to get your letter of August 27th. I wanted very much to reply at once but I was inundated by visitors from the States, members of my family, comrades and friends whom I haven't seen for five years. I was starved for their companionship. When my brother, Dr. Goldman, and his wife came to me for two weeks. He has gone through terrible sickness since 1934 among other things the amputation of his left leg which has since condemned him to an invalid's chair. This calamity and the fact that he was more than my flesh and blood, but also my comrade, made his visit a great event in my life. Then came the need of preparing a lecture on Stalin's treachery. Which took me two weeks. And so many other things that made writing impossible. But I will delay no longer.

I can well imagine your struggle and your apprehension in regard to your decision of going in with Peggy Guggenheim in some enterprise. You haven't made it quite clear what it is. But I gather it is some kind of an institution. I learned from Gabo before I left London that it was to be some kind of a home for unrecognized art. Or is it to be more than that? Yes, indeed, I know Peggy to be kind hearted and very generous and with people she cares about. But as you say "she is all--zu-menschlich". Naturally, there may be occasional clashes. I hope they will not be of such nature to interfere with the best you are capable of devoting ~~the~~ to the venture. I wish you the best of luck. Since you wrote your letter war is no longer a threat. It has become a reality. And from all the reports we get here from England I do not think it is exactly the place or the time you have in mind and which Peggy is backing. And it may be a place of escape. I can only wish for the best.

I am not surprised at Stalin's "latest move" has given you a certain "Schadenfreude". Why shouldn't it? It has vindicated us in our attitude to Soviet Russia far beyond my expectation. You probably know the saying "give a man rope enough and he will hang himself" certainly not the worst enemy of Stalin could have undermined his prestige and the position this assumes as the pact with Hitler and his invasion of Poland. I do not know how much you were aware that Stalin's latest treachery was on the way. I know you will think it an exaggeration on my part when I tell you that I foretold it six years ago. I had quite forgotten that I had stated in an interview with the Toronto Evening Telegram in 1933 that Stalin would make overtures to Germany and would eventually come to terms with it. A year ago, however, I did not have any amount of indications that this was going to take place. After all the beginning of the next dates back to the time when ~~Stalin~~ not Stalin but Lenin was still at the helm of Soviet Russia. It was the treachery of Brest-Litovsk which laid the foundation for all the other treacheries committed by the Bolshevik regime. True, Stalin continued in a

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more drastic measure, but he was reaping, ^{what} sown by Lenin's Jesuitic tactics. Stalin's treachery in Spain and his pact with Hitler are merely links in the chain of events introduced by the ascendancy of bolshevism in the world. Nor is this the case. Stalin's lust for imperialist power is as insatiable as Hitler's and it will not be appeased in any more humane manner than that of his German colleague. I am, therefore, right in saying that we, anarchists, are vindicated in our stand against the hydra-headed monster, the dictatorship whether red, brown or black. And this is the line of reasoning I am taking in my lecture on the pact.

While I have witnessed the bullying of the British statesmen in the attempt to soften the heart of Stalin, I am yet constrained to say that they must have been utterly dumb not to know that Stalin has long ere this taken root in hard soil. But of course the Western powers have much to account for before the world and history. Certain it is that Hitler was made by the spineless tactics of the democracies, their betrayal of Spain, their appeasement. It is nevertheless necessary to emphasize that it was Stalin's pact which strengthened the guts of Hitler immeasurably and without which he would not have started his military avalanche on Poland...

Yes, I rather think that publishers will fall over each other to take the book of Ciliga. ~~xxxxxxx~~ I do not know how it is in England but here halls are hardly big enough to hold the crowds who come to hear a talk on the pact. I had the largest attendance nearly 1000 people at my lecture here on the subject. You cannot imagine the bitter disappointment of all the babes in the woods in the glory of Soviet Russia. There is a large exodus from communist ranks on the part of the sincere people, dupes though they were, in weighing the communist harlots of the Daily Worker and other communist publications in trying to assure the world that they are still glamorous. They can no longer fool anybody. The most pitiful however are the fellow travellers, the liberal intelligentsia in all countries. The scribes of the London Nation, New Statesman, The Grailford, the Nation and New Republic of New York, like worms they squirming out of their former position and yet holding on tenaciously to the ragged edges left them by Stalin. They are really sickening in their attempt to explain the inexplicable, to turn Stalin's betrayal into the last word of political ecumen and far sightedness. I have not words to express my contempt for this centry.

My attitude in re the war is exactly the same as it was in 1917. I diverged from that stand only on behalf of the Spanish struggle because I believed it was in the defense of the revolution. I have never thought that wars imposed on mankind by the powers that be for imperialist designs now or ever can do any good. But does not mean that I do not stress the need of the extension of Revolution. It seems to me that war must come from within Germany and by the German people themselves. War, ~~xxxxxxxx~~ will be victorious or vanquished, will only create a new world in the world. It is the same about the dictatorship. It is terrible power will never be broken and eradicated from Russian soil except by the people themselves. My position here as a visitor makes it impossible for me to take a stand in the present as I had in 1917. But I am with every fibre of my being against dictatorship of every sort and I am certainly ready to carry on propaganda against it. Naturally, I

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1. I do not I can to help refugees from whatever country they come, although ~~my~~ my interest is in our suffering Spanish refugees.

You will gather from my attitude to imperialist wars that you have not gotten me quite correctly when you say that "nothing short of war, ending in a catastrophe, will ever rouse the working classes out of their lethargy here" Here again I insist that nothing short of a revolution in British possessions will affect the Empire. In other words it must come from the bottom up and not from the top down. I see that you yourself advance the same idea. Also, neither you nor I can have a deciding effect either one way or another. We can only contribute to our utmost in whatever way we think can bring about a fundamental change. For the present it is still possible in this part of the world to speak out in criticism of Stalin and Hitler but it may not long before even that will be forbidden. We already have your casualties, Italian comrade whose house was raided and they were arrested for having subversive literature. Not only is it criminal having anything dealing with the war but anything critical of the state even if written years ago. We hope to base our defence on the utter absurdity of the law and its complete abrogation of civil liberties. As you see I am not permitted to rest on my laurels. I am again called upon to jump in the breach of rescuing our comrades.

I see that you were surprised that I was so successful in Canada. Compared with my utter failure in England my efforts here were "crowned with Success". But in reality I have achieved little enough though I have raised a few extra dollars for our Spanish Refugees. No hope for the present of re-entering the States. I am stationed in Toronto. In November I hope to be able to tour western Canada. That will only be for six weeks or two months when I will return to this city and possibly buckle down to writing a book on Spain. How right you are when you say "that Spain was a turning point, and that it will probably be a century or more before we recover from that tragedy". However, I have abiding faith in the Spanish people and I feel certain they will come back and then woe be to the victors who are now in the saddle.

I am terribly worried about V. and Mary Louise. I have written him sometime ago but have received no answer. I have asked him to write me more particulars about the proposed magazine because I wanted to be of help. His silence is most disturbing. Perhaps you will see them for me and give them my love and tell them I would be so relieved even with a few lines. Perhaps you will run into Rachel. She also has not written for a long time and I am anxious about her.

Fraternally,

*Written in an hurry
forgive the mistakes.*

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October 7, 1939.

Roc

Dearest Rudolf:

Your wonderful letter of the 10th of Sept. coming as it did in response to my grumbling proves that grumbling does you some good. In other words, I know now how to get after you. Seriously speaking my dear I know how hard you work and how difficult it is for you to keep up a correspondence in addition to your literary labors. I really hate to drive you. My only excuse is that I am so terribly cut off from all intellectual contact. I grow so depressed and unhappy at times it seems I could not stand it another day. That is the time when I get impatient with you. Well, it was worth scolding you. Indeed, your last letter made up for much and once more brought you near to me as in the days when you and Millie were with me in St. Tropez. I admit those were naive days when we still had some hope and like babes in the woods we were dreaming of all the work we were going to accomplish. It seems so long ago.

First about your struggle of existence. I feel deeply with you. I hope fervently that your proposed tour to California may yet materialize. After all America is not yet in the war. And you have so much to say on all sorts of vital issues and especially on the black treachery of Stalin that you should have no difficulties in arousing large audiences. As to Stalin's treachery, we had reasons to feel proud. Not only you but I as well had foreseen the love-feast between the two modern sadists. In point of fact I have been confronted with an interview which appeared in the Toronto Evening Telegram in 1933 quoting "that Stalin will eventually make common cause with Hitler." I had quite forgotten about this incident. But a year ago I said precisely the same thing at a meeting in London. ~~and~~ Like you in your case some comrades resented my saying this about Stalin. Last April when I passed through Montreal at a little gathering at Max Zahler's house I again expressed my certainty. The wife of Zahler was very indignant and only the other day I received a letter from him saying that at the time he considered me very unfair to Soviet Russia but he had since come to see how very "foresighted" I was. Well, he is not the only one. I have had dozens of people write and tell me the same thing. Whatever the pact is going to mean to Stalin it has certainly broken the backbone of many sincere communists and even more so of their fallow travellers.

You refer to that wretched sheet the Daily Worker. Since the Communists and their press have licked the boots of Stalin for so many years I do not feel quite so indignant over the frantic efforts of his satraps to justify the pact. But I haven't enough words to express my contempt for the so-called intelligentsia in America and other countries, Nation, ~~the~~ New Republic, Brailsford and all the other dupes. It is simply disgusting how they squirm like worms and how they still try to explain why the pact. It is this gentry which has poisoned the world with their blind belief in Stalin's wisdom, astuteness and his understanding of REAL POLITIC. However, not the worst enemy of Stalin could possibly have so undermined his position and ranks of his zealots as his pact with Hitler. That may be small comfort to the unfortunate victims who are paying such a price for the new world slaughter, but it is most important to us because the things Stalin has done now stand out in bold relief and support our prophecy and our contention immeasurably.

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If only we had a movement worthy of its name now would be the time to reach those who have come to see the despicable designs of Stalin. You have no idea how it has affected the Jewish Labour Unions and Arbeiter Ring. Never before have I seen such willingness to hear what we have to say as now. I was even elected last Sunday when at a large meeting of Arbeiter Ring the chairman introduced me as the only one who pointed out the evils of Russia and in spite of the fact that so few wanted to hear me. I realize, my dear, that all the things you said about the madness in the world and the avalanche of blood and horrors that is engulfing everybody. But also I feel that now more than ever our work is desperately needed. Our trouble is that we have no movement and very few comrades who can see clearly even now. That is what makes our efforts so futile and seemingly useless. As I said I hope your tour will come about. Even here, in the war atmosphere which has already demanded its toll from our ranks. Four Italian comrades having been arrested and charged with having in their possession subversive literature. I have so far not been disturbed at several of my meetings where I spoke on the past. On the 19th of last month fully 800 people packed the hall. The unfortunate thing is that the reactionaries are trying to use our stand against Soviet Russia to justify theirs and to make it appear as if we in agreement with them. But that cannot be helped. The poison of Moscow brand of Communism has disintegrated all ranks. The conspiracy of silence all through the years on the part of the fellow travellers makes it now doubly hard for us not to be lumped together with the enemies we have fought all our lives. But as I said we cannot keep silent. We must speak out. I know that you feel as I do in this matter.

I agree with you that the last war was child's play in comparison with what is awaiting humanity now. But as long as we have our voice and our pen we must go on. You do it so wonderfully, dear Rudolf. ~~XXXXXX~~ You are a constant source of amazement to me, that you can write amidst the phantoms surrounding the world. I wish I could do it. I wish I could concentrate on a book on Spain. But as you know writing serious things was excruciating to me as well as to Sasha. Especially when it meant writing in the void. And that it seems to me will also be the case with a work on Spain. Poor, bleeding Spain. It is indeed forgotten. And yet I feel that it will have a comeback much sooner than the people of other countries. I cling to this hope with every fibre of my being. And I feel that I must go on even against the avalanche you write about to sustain the morale of our Spanish comrades. It is so little. At the banquet here, the testimonial to the 50 years of my activity we raised \$130.00. Also a little at my meeting here and my two meetings in Windsor. It is a drop in the ocean. But it does help to make our comrades see that they are not forgotten by us. That is another reason for my hope that you may realize your tour. You and Willy may be able to do much for our Spaniards.

I have at last heard from Winnipeg. They want me for four meetings. Perhaps from there I may be able to contact other Western cities. If not I will be back by the end of the year and begin some writing. In 1940, provided I am still at large. I said so far I have not been molested. But the rest of our Italian comrades among whom the most outstanding is Arthur Bertolotti, you may have come across his name in Le Donatelli leads me to expect that I may have a visit

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one of these days. Really, I do not care. Prison has no terror to me. I admit I hate the possibility of going back to England. I suffered more there in three years than I have in many more years in the states. Especially now where I could even less than here and suffer more in every respect. But as you said one does not stand for an idea all one's life and then discard it as an old garment.

about the material. Of course, I do not want you to send it now. I have a lot of material which I succeeded in getting out of Spain and which is now in the hands of Oley for translation. When I get it back I will see what more I need. In any event I will not have your material sent here. I will get it somehow. I have written Pedro that a lot of stuff has failed to reach me. I am inclined to believe that he sent this part to a Spanish comrade in London. He used to be most dependable, but I have not heard from him since I left London last April. I have written to a number of people to see him. But of course I have asked him not to send the material at the present time.

By the way who is Lone for whom you are writing? And what is the name of the Paper? Would you ask him to send me a copy.

You are right when you say the situation of our Spanish comrades in France is more terrible than ever and that few countries will admit them. Besides even if they have a chance of getting into other countries nothing is being done for them. You remember Radovitsky that wonderful comrade from Argentine. He has been sent as a representative of our comrades to help the thousands member of the CNT-FA I who have reached Mexico. The conditions he describes are certainly heartrending. Still they are at least not in prison and it looks as if they will get a piece of land where they will work together. But, of course, money is needed. Then, again, Pedro wrote me that the French Government granted a small plot of land to colonize 121 of our people. He, too, begged that money should be raised for seed, clothing, farm tools and especially for living means until they will get results. I have written a month ago and I have received no answer and it would be foolish to risk sending money until I know full particulars. It seems to me that the safest way is to send money to Anderson in Stockholm and have him forward it when they can do so conveniently. His last letter which I received a few days ago informs me that he hadn't heard from France for seven days. I am sure that he will get in touch much quicker than we can from the American continent.

There is much more which I would like to write you but I am in restless state of mind owing to the state of our comrades. The effort of preparing an adequate defense for them and to raise the necessary funds has fallen on my shoulders. I have already written the Italian comrades in a number of American cities to send money as quickly as possible. The case comes up next Thursday and while the trial will probably be postponed I have to know just to what extent I can involve myself with the attorney. He happens to be a man I have known for years, of very keen social and political conceptions and of fine integrity. You see we mean to fight the cases on the basis of civil rights and civil liberty and also on the anarchist grounds of the splendid activities against fascism by Arthur Bertolotti. It would ring if Willy could raise a little money on the enclosed list in Sweden. Give her my love, please. I have received her letter but as she also wants her name in the paper I would like to write her separately.

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Roc

I. Goldman to Rudolf Rocker, Oct. 7, 1939. I agree with your attitude
in regard to the situation in case of dire need. I know how you
feel the same, but if the
situation should arise it will be unnecessary for you to
leave any comrades. These comrades love you and love you among
comrades. Your most devoted friends will certainly
be able to take care of you and ally for some time.
I am sure you will do much to the movement and you are
the least we can do for it. The least we can do is to
keep you from being driven to any drastic
action. Your letter struck me. I was terribly shocked to find
you who has always been able to face every emergency
in a calm and collected manner. It should be a great honor
for me to help you in any way I can. I know that
it would be the same for you. You must not have any hesitation
to let me know in good time. I will be the rest. I needn't
assure you that whatever will be necessary to you will be done
with tact and in the spirit of friendship and solidarity. For the
present I will of course do nothing as matter to any of the
comrades but I implore you to keep in mind that I can do what is
impossible for you to do for me. Happy heavens it shall
be done. Please remember that.

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TORONTO Oct. 8th 39
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Dearest Rose. It is only a week since we were all together in such beautiful companionship, but it seems that I must never enjoy peace and rest with my comrades for very long. You will see what I mean by the inclosed list. I had hoped to send you one or a few for the Spanish comrades, but the arrest of our Italian friends here is now of immediate importance. It seems the authorities intend to railroad our people whose only offense is that they had anarchist literature in the house, but we intend to move every stone to prevent this. For this reason we intend to make quite a case of it on the grounds that the war law under which they were arrested completely destroys all civil rights.

However we need money for such a defense. I have already written the Italian and Jewish comrades in Chicago, New York, Detroit, Boston and I mean to write others to raise money as quickly as possible on the inclosed list. Please do your utmost.

I have no time to write Shane separately. I want you to show him this letter and the list. As there is a possibility of making a big issue of Arthur's defense. And we want his help.

Another thing, you remember Rose saying that the Arbeiter Ring might be willing to book me on a tour through western Canada, and if possible also try to get me to the States. Bernard would remember as he talked with Rose. I believe Maskin was to be in Montreal and Bernard was to see him. That is why it is important he should read this letter. With love to Myer, Gustel, the boys and yourself affectionate greetings to Bernard and Emma.

Please get busy and send what you can collect.

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Oct. 9, 1939

Mr. Benjamin W. Huebsch,
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18 East 48th St.

Dear Mr. Huebsch:

Thanks a lot for your letter of September 27th. I am very glad to know that your attitude to my first appearance on Soviet Russia was not quite as harsh as I had been led to believe. Of course, I did not then, or do not now object to criticism of anything I say or write. Like you, I am a firm believer in the right of free opinion freely expressed. So long as I have the impression that the opinions are sincere. I, therefore, couldn't understand how you whom I had known as an earnest libertarian could find fault with my critical attitude towards Soviet Russia.

You say that I had no right "to expect a state of affairs that would be satisfactory" to me "in a system that was so far removed from all that you believed in." Naturally, if I had thought that Lenin and his group were the real dictators in Russia, I shouldn't have expected to find anything of a revolutionary nature in Soviet Russia. You see the very fact that Lenin had taken a much more definite and logical stand against the war than my own comrade and teacher Peter Kropotkin, and that he proclaimed "all power to the Soviets" quite justified me in believing that the workers, peasants, sailors and soldiers who brought about the Russian Revolution were also articulating the objectives the Revolution created. It was for these reasons that I defended the Bolsheviks in America before I was deported (I actually wrote a pamphlet "The Truth about the Bolsheviks"). Indeed, I believed so much in the complete unity of the Revolution ~~xxxxxx~~ with Lenin, Trotsky and the rest that I ~~would~~ not change my mind while in Russia though reality stared me in the face to make me see how mistaken I had been.

You seem to think that I expected to find in Russia anarchism realized or at least some phases of it in operation. If that was your idea, then you were not alone because a number of my very close friends on reading my "My Disillusionment in Russia" also wrote me that it was foolish on my part to have expected anarchism in action in Russia. In point of fact I expected nothing of the kind. But I did hope that the masses who had made the Revolution would be in control. That they would be in possession of the means of production and distribution and that the peasants would be in possession of the land. Lastly I expected that the Soviets were really free as enunciated by the leaders of the Bolshevik Party. Well, I have paid dearly for my childish belief, but at least I

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admitted my mistake and proceeded to present my real findings during my two years in Russia. I can understand perfectly how you and others wanted "the Russians to have a fair chance to put it in practice so long as they were ready to limit their efforts to their own land." I do not know how long you held to this. Unfortunately, there are many who after twenty years still believe that Stalin is actually putting his doctrines into action, whereas in fact he has diverted from his doctrines almost immediately he came to power. If, as you say, you were willing to give Russia a fair chance so long as the methods apply only to Russia. In that case why are you opposed, as I am sure you are, to the methods used in Germany or in Italy? Surely, by this time it is clear as day that the red dictatorship differs very little from the brown and the black. I do not see, therefore, how anyone can ignore the horrors perpetrated in Russia and ~~exposed to the very sky and expose~~ to the very sky the similar horrors that are committed by Hitler and Mussolini. However, I was mainly concerned in having a clearer understanding between us. I was really grieved when I learned that you had joined the mob in every country in the howl, crucify! Thank you again.

Now, to quite another matter. You probably know that I have been in Spain three times in '36, '37 and '38 for a number of months on each visit. That I travelled there extensively, visited the collectivised industries and villages and that I was very close to the activities of the National Confederation of Labour (Anarcho-syndicalism) and the Anarchist Federation of Iberia (FAI). Lastly I have also visited every front and had ample opportunity to come close to the men as well as to their superiors. Added to this I have quite a lot of material showing the connection of Stalin in Spain, the importation of the Cheka, and all the other measures transplanted from Russia to Spain. I would like to turn my material into a book on Spain, setting forth my own personal observations and impressions. I wonder whether you would be interested in such a work. Will you let me know?

Sincerely yours,

Emma Goldman

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[M. GARCIA]

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Oct. 9, 1939.

Dear Comrade:

Your letter of August 27th reached me safely. I have been very busy since then speaking on the Stalin-Hitler pact and doing a lot of other work which needed immediate attention. Last week, when I felt free to write you and answer other accumulated mail the arrest of four Italian comrades took place. The enclosed subscription list will explain what happened. You probably know Arthur Bortolotti by his writings from our Italian paper in New York. He was not only a contributor by pen but an ardent worker for its material needs. Actually he it was who raised hundreds of dollars whenever the paper needed financial support. I have already the comrades of that paper and also those in various American cities whose addresses I have. The case is serious owing to the war measure which declares as subversive not only criticism of the war but also of the state in general. In other words this measure gives the authorities the right to raid any personal library and take away works written long before the war at all critical of the state or government. The authorities evidently intend to make a great fuss over it. To make a precedent of that case so that all others will be easy to prosecute. Naturally, we intend to do our utmost to save our friends. The movement here is insignificant. There are only a few individuals who can contribute a few dollars and can do nothing else. It is for this reason help will be forthcoming for the defence not only from Italians but also from comrades of other nationality. I hope you will see your way clear in making an appeal in *Cultura Proletaria*. If you like you can use the paragraph dealing with the cases and sign my name to it. I also hope that you can collect some money on the enclosed subscription list. All monies can be sent to me E. G. Colton by cheque or money order. In as much as the matter is urgent I beg you to proceed at once to help our comrades. By the way it will interest you to learn that Bortolotti was the very soul of activities for our comrades in Spain. He raised quite a lot of money during the struggle and since I came here he was invaluable in my campaign of raising money for our Spanish refugees. I know that you, dear comrade, and the other Spanish friends will not refuse to reciprocate.

Yes, I received a letter from S. before he sailed for South America. He gave me some valuable information about the Spanish refugees who have reached Mexico and who are trying to settle there on the land. I have since received a letter from another comrade who is in Mexico describing the terrible discrimination that the Communists continue to use against our people. While that miserable gang is getting support from the Mexican Government our people are starving. Perhaps S. did not know of it as he mentioned nothing in his letter.

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Dear Comrade, yes I know that we are more than ever handicapped in raising money for our Spanish Refugees. I had hoped to create the Emma Goldman Spanish Refugee Rescue Fund as a testimonial to my 50 years activity in the Anarchist movement. Comrades and personal friends of mine in New York, Chicago, Los Angeles and other cities promised to co-operate by way of a public dinner where appeals would be made to create the fund. But the war has put a damper on everything. People are pessimistic and from the letters I receive from the States I do not think anything will be organized to help my project. I was in the midst of preparing an appeal which I had planned to send out broadcast through the United States. That, too, had to be abandoned. In this city the comrades organized a small banquet attended by 100 people. The response to our appeal brought \$130.00. It is a mere drop in the ocean. Besides the immediate needs of the comrades in the French is so great and their appeals so pitiful we have to send them if even a little. All in all it is a heartbreaking situation.

Dear comrade, you remember my own attitude which I told you when you were in Barcelona to the compromises made by our comrades of the CNT-FAI. I was in no way deceived by the inconsistency of going into ministries and the fatal result that will accrue from the co-operation with Soviet Russia. I know that you held the same opinion. Unfortunately, I could not see what else our comrades could possibly do with Franco at the gates of Madrid. I am as certain as I can be that if the Spanish people had not been betrayed by Stalin and the democracies and left to their doom by the criminal indifference of the International Proletariat there would be no need of the CNT-FAI to compromise. Those who bitterly condemned their actions now wisely say that the defeat of Spain could not have been more devastating had our comrades remained consistent. There is nothing cheaper than the slogan "I told you so." Certainly our people were pressed to the wall. They had the choice of opening up the lines for Franco or fight to the bitter end, which they certainly did more gallantly than any other people. Anyway, we need not argue this matter now. No one is really in a position to say what might have happened but for the unfortunate affiliations with that dreadful Jesuitic power of Stalin and the treachery of England and France.

I am again in agreement with you that it is a grievous mistake for our comrades to continue their affiliations with the politicians. However, I see no crime or inconsistency in the effort of S. to get collaborators and contributors for "Timon". A libertarian magazine must be broad enough to hear other liberal opinions. Mother Earth maintained that position all through the years of its existence. It is another matter about the "Little Secret" you mention. Namely, the maneuvers of Prieto, Jill Robles and the rest of that clan. Naturally, they will now come together to work into the hands of Great Britain in order to accomplish their own aims. We need not be surprised at that. As to ~~Wahneema~~ Cabarelo. I never had much faith in him. In fact I know that when he was still "the Spanish Lenin" and in power he refused every suggestion made by our comrades in regard to the procedure of the anti-fascist war. It is true that he pressed Durutti to defend Madrid, but just as soon as our heroic comrade insisted that he would go before the people and appeal to them to defend

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their city Caborello would have none of him. I was, therefore, not deceived in the nature of the man. Nevertheless I cannot conceive that he would be willing to join such black forces as Pietro, Jill Robles, Madariaga and the gang of priests. However, one never knows what politicians will do. It is quite true that our comrades are desperate but I do not believe that they will join these forces. Already they have insisted that the Communists should be eliminated from the organization that is now looking after the emigration of the refugees. A letter from a comrade in Sweden assures me that the efforts now being made for our people are in the hands of our own comrades, some left Socialists and Republicans.

There is much more I would like to write you about, but I have just been called up by our attorney who will handle the defence of our Italian comrades. I must therefore close.

Please dear comrade do what you can with enclosed ~~in~~ list and with an appeal in your paper. Fraternal greetings to all the comrades. Salud!

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Oct. 10, 1939.,

Dear Comrade Emma:

I received your letter yesterday and immediately set to work, with the enclosed results. I am rushing the money order to you, because time is so short, and I know how badly ~~it~~ it is needed.

I contacted a few individuals and gave them copies of your letter, they have connections with some of the Italians, and they will probably send the money direct to you. Our group has a meeting Wednesday night and we will take the matter up and see how much we can get at that time.

It is a long time since I have written to you and I feel sort of a shame that such a long time has elapsed, but when your last letter came to me (almost a year ago) Olay was just taken to the hospital for observation the doctors suspected something seriously wrong with him, but after a week of all sorts of tests and X-Rays they found there was nothing as serious as they suspected, his liver was very much enlarged, and after being under the doctor's care for almost a year he is greatly improved, and has gained a little weight. Of course all this and many other things have kept me jittery, so that I was in no mood to write. Then too, I was away this summer working, and when I got one day a week off, I hardly had time to do any of my much neglected correspondence.

This will be all for this time.

I will do all that we can, to raise as much money as we can, because I am sure that even after the trial money will be needed, but I don't have to tell you, how indifferent people are to the fate of a few individuals. They seem to be very much indifferent to the fate of whole nations, and certainly the liberty of a few comrades does not mean much to them, but I will try to do the best under the circumstances.

Very Sincerely

Anna Olay.

I will send you the list with the donors, when I get some more money

Anna Olay.
3211 Pierce Ave.
Chicago, Ill.

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Office of Helen Howe
22 East 55th Street, New York.
Telephone Plaza 3-2422

October 10, 1939

Dearest Emma:

I feel terribly ashamed that I have neglected writing you for this long time - have been terribly depressed trying to find work as you can well imagine - have four weeks (have already put in two weeks) work trying to get an audience for Helen Howe - which is darn hard to do as she is quite unknown - I got \$100.00 in advance for the work - though small enough did pay my rent, interest on the mortgage on the little place (\$32.50), electric light bill, laundry, etc etc - now it is gone, but Pauline, bless her, is sending me \$10. to help with food and car fares.

I have a fairly good prospect with Labor Stage - the International Ladies Garment Workers Union Dramatic Dept that put on "Pins and Needles" that has been running for three years. I saw Louis Shaeffer and he said he felt that I could be very valuable to them and would get in touch with me soon. I hope something comes of it. I wrote Paul Robeson's producer for an appointment telling him that I was an old friend of Paul's, worked up his first concert that "brought him out" as a singer - and gave him his first acting role. I haven't yet heard from him. Paul has nothing to do with getting people in the management end of things - he is simply hired as the star of the piece.

I must also tell you that I haven't had a moment outside of job hunting to do anything about the dinner - I did go to see Alex Cohen again as I wrote you I would - but he was out of town on union problems.

Harry W. has been in the throes of that Grover Bergdoll case and he could not, of course, mix the two - your entry into the States and trying to save him from too severe a sentence for draft dodging 25 or so years ago. I will drop into Harry's office within a day or two and will then ask him about your case and what he can do about it - to try to get you into the States again.

Talked with Ian the other day over the telephone - he tells me that Stella is much better and has begun to ask some about people - it seems that that new treatment - shock treatment, rather drastic - has helped her enormously. I was so glad to hear it as I had begun to despair of her recovery. I haven't yet seen Ian. He told me that Teddy was back in town - haven't seen him either or Davy.

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Dearest Emma - I'm dashing off these few lines at the office where I'm doing this work - it is in Helen Arthur's office by the way - you will probably remember her - she used to be with the Grand Street Playhouse, when the Lewisohn sisters were running it. She is now sick in Mt Kisco Hospital taking tests, etc for diabetes - will have to have insulin injected into her twice a day the rest of her life. Too bad as she's a fine woman. Although they live for years with the use of insulin.

Cora has no work - not a bit well - goes to the Doctor twice a week and her medicine is so expensive - it is all pretty hard.

Just know that I love you and that you are not forgotten for a moment - sorry that I haven't been able to do anything about the dinner - I first must get myself some security before I can do anything for any one or anything.

Let me hear from you and forgive me for the long silence.

Love

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TELEPHONE MELROSE 2221

Emma Goldman

295 VAUGHAN ROAD

TORONTO
ONTARIO

Oct. 12th. 1939

Dear Comrade Rose,

I am writing this for M.G. as she is in bed with a bad cold. She is sorry for the mistake about the letters. We must blame the excitement of the unexpected events happening here. M.G. will write to you herself as soon as she feels better. The boys were brought into court this morning and remained until Thursday 19th.

The case promises to be a big one. The authorities will push things as far as they possibly can, making this a test case under the new war law. Things look pretty serious, especially for M.G.

Emma asks that the list be returned to you and for you to see what you can do to help. She says that you will know some of the Italian comrades in Boston. We are in need of all the help we can get. This is not going to be a simple affair, but will tax our endurance and resources.

I know that M.G. will be in touch with you soon and we will see that you are kept informed of what is going on. Love to you from all of us here

Dorothy

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TELEPHONE MELROSE 2221

Copy

Emma Goldman

295 VAUGHAN ROAD

TORONTO Oct 13th 39
ONTARIO

My dear Agnes. I know you will be surprised to get this letter, but no more than I would be if I would hear from you. In fact I have been wondering whether our Detroit friends had not informed you that I am stationed in Canada since April and that I had been in Windsor to lecture on two occasions.

Martin
Hunter Well the reason for my writing now is that I have been asked by ~~Arthur~~ Gudell a good friend of ours and a most dependable person that you should send him an authorisation for some Spanish material he has that he would like to bring for the Labadie Library. You would still reach him if you sent it at once to Mr Martin @ Gudell c/of the American Embassy, or still better also one to the ~~Embassy~~ Embassy Paris to give Martin Gudell permission to bring the material. ~~When~~ I hear from you I will write more about myself and my work in this country. I am in an hurry for this to get you.

With my old affection.

(Signed) E G

*I don't know the address
of the Embassy, but
Paris will do!*

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October 14, 1939.

Dear Comrade:

Thanks for your letter of the 11th and also for the effort you made to reach L. A. I have heard from these comrades by way of fifty dollars wired to this city. So far I have heard nothing from SIA or anyone else in New York. I had a night call from New York but had no idea whether it was some one independent of L. A. or whether it was some one of SIA. The person asked whether I was E. G. and said that fifty dollars would be sent. He spoke in French but I couldn't get the name. Perhaps you can find out from SIA people. I have already written L. A. and asked them to let me know likewise.

You will see by the enclosed copy of my general letter and also copy of the ruling under which the comrades will be tried that the cases are serious. That we will have a stiff fight and therefore every material assistance we can get is urgently needed. You will see in the copy of my general letter that I am stressing the fact that no publicity in the press should be undertaken until we know what will happen next Thursday. I hope therefore that you have done nothing along that line and it would only injure rather help our cases.

We have not yet approached the Civil Liberties Union in this city. First, because it doesn't amount to very much, and secondly, we first wanted to know what the other side is up to. We have engaged a man whom I have known for a number years who has the necessary social vision and the fighting spirit to look after the cases. Later, if the Civil Liberties Union should come in and willing to give us assistance our attorney will have no objections for a Civil Liberties Union lawyer to come in on the case.

I do now know how soon we will all have to contend with the same kind of repression here as well as in the States." You on the other side have the advantage that you can still carry on anti war work and thereby prepare the ground for whatever repressions will come. In this country absolutely nothing is done along that line and now that the repressions have come down on our heads it is more difficult to fight it. Besides there is no movement of any sort in this city or anywhere in Canada which is another drawback.

Thanks for the addresses you sent me. I couldn't cover your address list in any event so unless you can send me addresses in various cities of Italian comrades you need not go to the trouble.

Give my love to Clara,

Fraternally,

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TELETYPE ROOM (141)



Emma Goldman
100 E. CHURCH ST. TORONTO

Oct 14/39

dearest Milly

Just wrote you tonight. I was
pondering what to do this winter
I am no longer in doubt since
the interest of other people. Heaven
only knows how long. Keep
defense will last and as there
is no one else to take over
the job I have to do it. I am
in closing the text of the law
under which our comrades are
being held. Also a copy of
a general letter I have sent
and I have heard nothing
from Alice direct for a
long time. But I heard
from Martin Sudell. I'd 3 or
4 days ago yesterday
you told letters he wrote that
Alice & Maria were well
and were sending him love

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So I do not think you need
worry about your dear ones.
I suppose they know it
is not safe to write. I
hope though they got the
money you sent. I sent
Lillian \$10.00 for his passage
to the States, and I am
extremely worried whether
it will reach him. However
I sent it off by air, I suppose
which should be fairly
safe.
Does it mean that
Rudolf & you have your
your cross country tour?
I know you will be in
Detroit Dec 2/3. Have you
should love to be with you.
Please let me know more
whom you left the last
sent you. I hope I will hear
from that someone soon
love to see you.

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295 Vaughan Rd, Toronto Ont
October 14, 1939.



Dear Comrades:

First let me thank you for your prompt response to the defense of our comrades in this city. That you may know how serious the cases are I enclose copy of the War Law which was passed here Sept. 28th. Our friends were raised and arrested exactly six days later. That in itself proves that the authorities intend to make these cases a precedent for other victims whenever they might be. And it also proves that we must do our utmost to prevent such an attempt.

Our comrades, five at the time of the arrest, one has since been released because he had no literature in his room, were brought into court the 5th, then held over until last Thursday when the prosecution called here THE CROWN asked for a remand of another week. That is to say for next Thursday. It will be then that our friends will be formally indicted. And it will be then when our attorney will ask for a remand in order to gain time to prepare our side. He will also try for bail though he is not very hopeful of getting it, or if he does, such a sum that should be within our reach. One of the arrested is held without any charge by the Immigration authorities. So we must also be prepared for a stiff fight to prevent his deportation. On the other hand is Bertolotti who also has no legal status in the country. In other words we have a stiff job on our hands and we must concentrate on raising a defence fund that should enable us to fight the cases to a successful outcome. In as much as the law abrogates every Civil Right and Freedom we hope to stress this fact and if we win it will have a moral effect on the thinking public not only of this city but all over Canada. We, therefore, want you, dear comrades, to help us to the best of your possibilities.

Having had much experience with such cases as our friends' and because there is no one else here sufficiently known in the States I have taken charge of the defence both as regards an attorney and the expenditure of the money sent us. You can rest assured that not a single penny will be wasted and that the men we have engaged will defend the case in a large social sense. Naturally I will give you all a full accounting of the contributions received and spent. It is certain, however, that a substantial fund will be needed. And I appeal to you all to do your utmost in raising such a fund or part of it. I have written the comrades from L.A. Italian paper in acknowledgement of their contribution and have suggested an appeal as well as a subscription list to begin a campaign for our arrested friends. I must impress on your mind however not to start any publicity until after next Thursday as we must first make sure what the line of prosecution the authorities will take. I will let you know immediately. That should not however prevent you from continuing your efforts in behalf of the defence. Write me to the above address. Better use Mrs. M. G. Colton. I had difficulties in collecting the money from the Canadian National because it was to M. G. Colton. They insisted that was a man's name and not mine. Stupid, of course. But that is just our difficulties, to deal with so much stupidity. I told you one of the comrades was released because the police found no literature in his room. In other words unless you read only fine novels, detective stories or the Catholicism you are in danger of being held. Such is the wisdom of those in power. Especially is it so during war. For it is precisely the war measure as for enslaved which abrogates all civil liberties and rights. It is along the lines of this important issue that we mean to fight.

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EDUCATION

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INDUSTRIAL WORKERS OF THE WORLD

CANADIAN ADMINISTRATION

314 Bay Street, Port Arthur, Ont.,

October 14, 1939.

E.G. Colton,
295 Vaughan Road,
Toronto, Ont.,

Fellow Worker;—

A letter and request for assistance of a financial nature was addressed to this office in care of Wm Mc Phee, as he is now out of here and as I am functioning in his place, I take this means of acquainting you with this fact. Should you desire to communicate personally with him, his address is; Wm Mc Phee, Little Long Lac, Ontario.

In answer to your letter, organizationally, I will state that we here have sent out an appeal to our membership for financial assistance to this very worthy cause, knowing full well that we may be the next to fall victims to the greed of capitalism, the response to same of course will take some time to come in here, but we here will remit to you the monies received for the defense of these workers.

It would be appreciated if you would send this office a detailed statement of the arrest of these workers, as well as their affiliations, we here at present are laboring under the impression that they are members of the Anarchist Group in Toronto, and from information at hand otherwise, believe this to be the case, however, ~~may~~ should we be laboring under a misapprehension, we will welcome correction in this matter from you.

Trusting to hear from you as soon as possible in this matter,

We are,

Yours for Industrial Freedom.

James Heney
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as my photo and
which I have sent to you. I am waiting for you
of this. I am waiting for you. Everything has reached
you and I am waiting for you. I have decided on the dates as to
my coming to Winnipeg. I must know soon because I want to send some
literature ahead and also order copies of my own autobiography
LIVING MY LIFE which is now out in a cheap edition. I must
therefore ask you to please let me know as soon as possible just what
you have accomplished so far.

You will see by the inclosed sample of a ticket that we are
having a benefit show Nov the 8th for our suffering Spanish refu-
gees women and children. The show ~~will be given~~ will be given
free of every expense by someone who owns a small picture house and
who wants to help. Naturally I would like to be present at the affair
but if you have fixed the date for the first lecture say for the
tenth I will of course leave here the night of the 8th, if not I will
not have to rush. So please write me.

Fraternally.

EG

Do you happen to know comrades or sympathisers with us in Edmonton
Calgary and Vancouver? I would like to get in touch with them.

Address EG Colton

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J. HENEY

(cc)

Oct. 17th 39

James Heney
Secrty Industrial Workers
of the World.
314 Bay Street
Port Arthur, Ont.

Fellow Worker.

Thanks a lot for your interest expressed in our arrested comrades contained in your letter of Oct. 14th. I am inclosing a copy of a general letter I have sent out to comrades in the States. It will give you an idea about the arrest and the obvious intention of the authorities to tuck are people away in one of the nice Government boarding houses. We of course have no intention that they should do so. I also inclose a copy of the ruling under which our comrades were arrested and are being held. You will see that it completely abrogates every inch of Civil Liberties and Rights. It is therefore our intention to fight the cases from that angle.

Comrade A. Bartolotti belongs to the Libertarian Group of this city which I had organized five years ago when I was here. Comrade Dorothy Rogers is our secrty. The other Italian comrades are Anarchists but their main ~~xxx~~ interests in recent years have been anti Fascist. So was the interest of Bartolotti. It seems that the Fascists are back of the raid and arrest. They had it in for our Italian friends for some time because of their anti Fascist activities. And nothing would suite them better than to dispose of our friends. Actually, it is the anti Fascist work of our friends that needs to be stressed in the defense as well as the ruling which makes it a criminal offense to have literature not only critical of the war but also of any criticism of the Capitalist regime and the state. Yes, dear fellow worker we may all come next. In point of truth the arrested Italians are to serve as a precedent. This is clear from the fact that they were arrested six days after the ruling was passed.

We appreciate your appeal and any other help of solidarity and fellowship you will give us on our fight to expose the dictatorial ruling as per inclosed.

Fraternally.

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Oct. 17th 39

Dear comrade Bill Ryan.

I do not know what you must think of me for not having written you in reply to your last letter. I assure you it was not because I considered your letter less interesting than the first two. Indeed I was most impressed with it and I immediately made a copy which I sent with your first two letters to the comrades of Vanguard asking them to publish everything. Unfortunately Vanguard is having a hard struggle to keep the paper going. In point of fact it has not appeared all summer. However that does not explain my silence, does it? Actually the only reason I can advance is the horrible world situation that sort of paralyzed my will during the summer months. Please forgive me.

Well dear comrade there is more truth in the saying "give a man a rope long enough and he will hang himself," people will believe. Verily Stalin has contributed more to his undoing than anyone of us could possibly have done. For I confess I was not surprised and I am sure neither were you. In point of fact I know for a long time that Stalin would come to terms with Hitler sooner or later. A man capable of treachery within Russia and of the most heinous crime is not likely to stop at any scruples in his foreign policy. There is one thing we should welcome, it is Stalin's proof that he no less than Hitler would ~~fore~~ swear his soul for imperialism. That was his dream from the very beginning of his ascendency to power.

However it is not of the gang of gangsters I wanted to write you. It was in behalf of four of our Italian comrades who were raided, their literature confiscated and they arrested the 4th inst. I have explained their cases in a general letter which I sent out to a few comrades in the States. I inclose a copy. Also a copy of the War Ruling under which the arrest took place. You will see that it abrogates every vestige of Civil Liberties in this country. It is precisely along these lines that we mean to fight the attempt to ~~murder~~ victimise our men. Of course it may prove a long and bitter fight and means will be needed. Some of the friends I have appealed to have already responded to the best of their ability. I am also taking the liberty to send you a subscription list. Please see comrade Henessy. He will want to help. I am sure to raise as much as possible to rescue our Italian friends. Give Henessy my comradely greetings and any other comrades you both know in Milwaukee.

Hoping to hear from you soon

Fraternally.

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Special Collections.

I'm not going to add another page, So end up here !.

The main thing is, at this moment to assure Martin Gudell of the great appreciation
and of the care his material will receive !.

Thank you ever so much !. Its splendid.

Ann Arbor, October 17th. 1939.

I hope it gets here all right. Any material we can Labadie Collection,
now save will surely be a great help to the future . Library, University of Michigan.
The collection keeps up and goes far back !. U.S.A.

Emma Goldman
295 Vaughan Road.
Toronto, Ontario,
Canada,

Cordially

- Agnes -

Dear Emma , It was indeed a surprise to get your letter and very nice, too. I went
right to work, realizing there is no time to lose , in regard to such a matter.
I am writing you to-night but the letter to Mr. Martin Gudell cannot go off until
to-morrow . I have asked Mr. W.W. Bishop, the librarian to write to the American
Embassy , as his doing so will help both Mr. Martin Gudell and also the Embassy.
But as he was not in I had to leave word with his secretary and shall find out
to-morrow. To-morrow I shall write to Mr. Gudell and also to the Embassy in case Dr.
Bishop does not prefer to write direct : if he writes a letter for me to inclose, I
shall do that .

But I do hope we reach Mr. Gudell in time ! If you have any misgivings I hope you
will write , too, as it is most important to get that material. You can tell him how
I manage the material. I am now in the midst of a big work! I have much, much material
regarding the Spanish revolutionary movement and I am now in the midst of the last
of the donations received - an immense amount of it . I have already fixed in shape for
for permanency, all that has been coming for a long time now. So tho I don't want to
state anything in large terms I think the Labadie Collection will have one, at least,
of the finest collections of source material for historic research there is on the
Spanish revolution- which includes all phases . My material is mostly C.N.T.-F.A.I.
and also P.O.U.M. - as an old university man was there editing the P.O.U.M. Spanish
Revolution in the English Language, so I have that and La Batella , not complete but
a lot of it . I have almost nothing of the P.S.U.C.

This summer I devoted six entire weeks to material dealing to a large extent with the
Michigan trade union movement . A man died July 20th- and all his life savings came
savings in the way of labor material came here. I had corresponded with him for a year
and even his letters are of tremendous historic value . I fixed his material as
beautifully as possible , partly because the gift was the finest , since Joe's that he
has come on that subject, and partly as a tribute to the old man.

It seems everybody dies . Sasha has gone. Thomas H. Keell has gone : I had a fine
correspondence friendship with him and he sent the collection much material, Then
Benj. R. Tucker died : he, also, sent across the seas a great deal of material- such
as he had taken over there in 1908. Then I had corresponded with Edwin Seligman about
some John Francis Bray material- and he died July 18th and the Michigan labor man the
20th. ***** This past year I have been very busy in association with some people
who had been working on John Francis Bray : After I discovered his old trunk with all
that it contained they were obliged to rely upon me for it . So between two scholars
over there and the Librarian of the London School of Economics I kept busy, Bray was
an early Owenite pre-Marxist socialist who believed " you must invest authority
somewhere " I only wish he could look thru a peep-hole from heaven , (where he is now)
(where he is now) down thru the skies to see Stalin sitting on the throne of the
Czars- as the result of the little socialist germ . But, Bray was most sincere and a
good man and did the best he knew how : he couldn't help thinking as he did.

It isn't a matter for great antagonisms - except in ideas !. People are people . Take in
the C.I.O. and the A.F. of L. - fought by self appointed Leaders. The thing is that
the craft unions have not yet evolved out into industrial unions . And , in my opinion
the C.I.O. was born - like Minerva, full grown out of the head of the A.F. of L. In my
opinion - when everybody has hated and murdered every one else- the Wheel of Fortune

Palgerty will be put in motion .

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[Letter] 1939 Oct. 17 [Chicago to] Emma [Goldman, Toronto] / A[nna] O[lay].—
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Oct. 17, 1939.,

Dear Comrade Emma:

It is not indifference that has kept me from answering your letter immediately, but I am waiting until Saturday to be able to write you something worthwhile. We are having a dance for the Mexican local of the S.I.A. and I hope to see some people there, that I could not see otherwise.

I have written to some Spanish friends in Gary Indiana, and since that is the center of the steel industry, and they are all working now, I have written to them not to forget an old time friend and comrade and I will probably hear from them soon or you will hear from them direct.

It was announced on the Radio, that Billings was to be released to-day, I am sure you will be very glad to hear that, if you have not already read it in the press. It seems that Mooney was much more popular while he was inside than out.

There is very little else to write, everything is pretty much at a stand still and we are just plodding along from day to day. Olay is quite busy now, and he seems to feel the effects of it, he feels a little disturbance with his liver, and while it is not serious, I would like him to slow down in his work, but his work is of such a nature, that it has to be taken care of as soon as he gets it.

I shall write to you as soon as there is something worthwhile to write about,

Greetings from all, they are all glad to hear that you are well and so energetic.

Sincerely,

G. E.

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[Letter] 1939 Oct. 17, New York [to Emma Goldman, Toronto] / Nick Di Domenico. — 1 p. ; 29 x 22 cm.

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October 17th. 1939.

Dear Comrade:

Thanks to you for the news you have sent to us. Of course we are very much interested in helping our friends and we shall be very grateful to you if you will keep us posted on their situation.

No mention will be made of their predicament until you will pass word to us that it can be done without prejudice to their condition, and give us at least an idea of how grounded or serious their case is. I mean public mention of course, because in a private way we have already tried to do our best to inform as many of our friends as possible.

You can certainly rely on our solidarity in this and in any other circumstances that ^{might} arise - as long as we remain in a position to give it, because you well know by experience that such might not be the case for a long time. Anyway consider us as available in all we can do.

No news from Decchioni so far; and the latest news received from France bear the date of Sept. 5th. or thereabout. We have several friends in Rochester. Having adopted as a rule not to give out addresses without authorization from the interested ones, rather than send you the desired address we have written to a comrade in Rochester acquainting him with your wish and sending him your address. I am quite sure that he will write to you. I hope will not take this proceeding as a slight, because it is not meant as such, absolutely, but only as a precaution on our part against complaints which might not be altogether unreasonable in these turbulent times.

Please give our best regards to the comrades you might see, and let us know if you receive the envelope regularly every week.

Very cordially yours

Nick Di Domenico
295 Lafayette st
New York N Y

Nick Di Domenico

P.S. No, as far as I know none of our friends called you on the telephone.

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[Letter, 19]39 Oct. 18, Toronto [to] Liza [Koldofsky, London] / E[mma Goldman]. —
2 p. ; 22 x 18 cm.

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TORONTO Oct. 18/39
ONTARIO

Dearest Liza. You cannot imagine how relieved I felt to get your letter. Since the terrible situation in Europe started and I read the accounts of all that is going on in London I had not a moments peace. Somehow I worry more about you than the few other friends. I think it is because I know your situation and that you will have to remain in the city. Of course I know millions of others also have to remain, but though my heart goes out to all the suffering people of Europe I cannot help feeling greater concern in one so near and dear to me as you are darling Liza. I would give much to take you away from the drab back around, bring you here and have you stay with me. I would be so happy. But what is the use of wishing if one cannot carry out ones cherished desires? I can only hope fervently that you may escape the horrors a so called civilized world is using to destroy each other. Dearest, if I can do nothing else I could at least save you some thing in the way of food supplies if there is a shortage. I wish you would let me know how matters stand, that surely cannot be against the law, can it?

I called up your sister in law last night. She asked me to assure you that she feels alright. She has not undergone a second operation because she feels alright. And she would write you soon.

I have wonderful news about my Stella. She had reached the very lowest ebb of her condition and the psychologists who are attending her decided to try the drastic measure I told you about. Well Stella responded from the first. She came out as if from a long heavy dream in such marvelous condition. She actually expressed a wish to talk to her mother on long distance. And she has asked about me for the first time since her illness. She has since been given two more treatments and each time she grows more normal. Recently she wrote her mother a letter. It is to me miraculous to hope that all danger is over. So we dare not be too optimistic. I will keep you posted of her progress. We were assured that she maybe well enough to be sent home in a month. You can imagine I have been walking on air.

I had my own beloved brother and his remarkable wife with me for two weeks last month. If there is such a thing as saints Morris is one. His heart condition does not permit an artificial leg. He is therefore constantly confined to his chair. In addition Mabsie is forced to leave him alone most of the time and he suffers terribly from loneliness. And yet his spirit is the most wonderful I have ever met. You cannot imagine how he loved it at my place and with all my friends who came to see him and played chess with him. He just was like a desert wanderer parched for a refreshing brook. He was ~~parched~~ starved for companionship. He hated it so much to go back to his solitary confinement. He would have remained here if Mabsie would have consented. She poor thing knows that nurses

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you make her.

The Bungalow is not a
luxurious thing and

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Toronto Oct 19th 39

Dearest Rudolf. Joe U. expects to go to U. Saturday to see you and he will take this letter along. I am sure that my mail is being intercepted and while I have no secrets to communicate to you I will feel more assured for this to reach you quicker than by ~~xxxx~~ the regular way. Also I want to tell you about our arrested friends. Their case again came up to day and it seems the authorities are particularly set on getting Arthur U. who by the way is the most important comrade in this city. The most intelligent, devoted, ardent and the best worker. Of course they also want to get the other three fellows but it is primarily A.B. whom they are anxious to hold. They have been indicted on six counts though the latter are really one. The most arbitrary of the counts is "The intent to commit an offense." The intent may have been long before the War the Crown holds. Of course it cannot prove that there ever was such a thing. Ordinarily the charge would have no leg to stand upon, but now I do not have to tell you that the most fantastic ruling is possible. In addition to this is the charge that A.B. is supposed to have entered the country "illegally" I do not have to tell you what it would mean if the court ~~xxxx~~ could get away with this. It would actually mean sure death to deport our friend to Italy.

Well, I have engaged a brilliant lawyer who is well informed in social issues, who is a fighter and very sincerely interested in ~~the~~ our people. But we will need publicity and we will need funds to prevent the silent disposal of our friends. As far as funds are concerned I have no doubt the Italian and also the Jewish comrades will ~~xxxx~~ respond. The few I have written to have already demonstrated their solidarity and more will be forthcoming. It is the publicity that bothers me. If I should send out articles about the cases it is most likely that the authorities might use this as a pretext to shove me out of Canada. I dread this more than prison, for England at best would mean a living death. And now it would do so more than ever. Unfortunately there is no one else who is known in our ranks and who ~~xxxx~~ would be willing to sign his or her name. I really do not know what to do. It is not so much our own press. That could hardly matter to the authorities. But such publications as the Nation, New Republic, or the Manchester Guardian who would take something from me about the dictatorial ruling of the law. And that may just be the straw that will break the camels back. Well, I might get Herbert Reed to write something and use the material I will send him. And I might induce Roger Baldwin to write something in the N. and New R. One thing is certain publicity is essential to save our people.

I wish you would read this part to our Jewish and Italian comrades and urge them to get on the job raising a fighting fund. A.B.'s case is very ~~xxxx~~ grave and adequate defense of utmost importance.

I have already written Jeanne L. I am sure she will do her utmost. She idolizes you anyhow, she thinks you the grandest person she has ever met. Of course I do not agree with her in this. Still

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you believe me don't you? Anyhow Jeanne is a wonder as an organizer. I wish I had her with me. When she was here in the summer she assured me she would come to Winnipeg to help me. Poor thing has been ill since, besides my Western tour cannot be realized. I am not even sure of Winnipeg. In any event I could not consent to Jeanne dragging her self to Winnipeg to help me. If the comrades have arranged the meetings I will get along somehow. If not it cannot be helped. Not much would come of it anyhow. I am so glad Jeanne will be in Chicago and that she will concentrate on your lectures. ~~xxxxxx~~

Speaking of the change of heart of many of the Communist fellow Travelers I wonder how Aaron Halperine feels about Stalin's orgeastic embrace of the beauty Hitler? I understood he was quite dedicated to Soviet Russia and that Aarons or Julius brother, I do not know which was a regular Jealot of Stalin. I am really curious to know whether Aaron has changed or is still blind. I had a letter from Max Kahler expressing regrets that he had doubted me. He writes "I admit I thought you too subjective in your appraisal of Stalin. But I have come to see that you were right." Another letter was from a devoted friend Liza Koldofsky with whom I lived in London. She too had never admitted that I was right in saying Stalin is making overtures to ~~Hitler~~ Hitler. She had come to see how prophetic I was. I replied that no special prophetic gifts were needed. Stalin's record was enough to fortell what he will do ~~xxxxxx~~ in Europe at the first chance. Besides, Stalin is after all carrying out the legacy of Marx-ism. If I needed proofs for that a recent bibliography of Marx by Carr which I am now reading ~~should~~ convince the most ~~glib~~ credulous that the Moscow gang from Lenin to Stalin were repeating parrot like the dicta of their master. What a narrow, jealous, ~~xxxxxx~~ vainglorious and dictatorial creature Marx was and how bereft of all feeling except for his wife, children and possibly Engels. I am certain if Marx had lived to ascend to power he would have been guilty of the same savagery as his pupil. He would have justified every means no matter how low and contemptible to gain his aim. The author is clearly favorable to Marx and yet he cannot help bringing out the many hateful traits of the man. His unscrupulous dealings with ~~Proudhon~~ Proudhon, with Bakunins with all those who dared to express an independent opinion. Has not Mehring also written a life of Marx? I have no idea if I could find it here in the Library. I am going to try.

Dearest Rudolfchen. I wish I were not so poor, but what I have will always be at your disposal if ever you should be too hard pressed. The main thing is however that you should give me the right to speak for you with the comrades, if ever that moment should arrive. Naturally, I hope your tour will be a great success and that you will not need to approach anybody. Still it is necessary to rouse the comrades since tact and thoughtfulness are not their strong traits. Let me know whom else I might write to about your tour. I am sure C.V. Cook and Yeffee will work hard for your lectures.

The inclosed card is the first from Mollie since the middle of August. The letter she refers to never reached me. I wonder how she and Senia will get along now that he has lost his job. I am very anxious about them. Yet do not know what to do. We cannot go on sending money unless we hear from Mollie that it has reached her. It is awful. Let me hear from you through Joe D. but see the comrades and tell them to get busy for our arrested men. With love to you and Willy.

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- N. DOMENICO I

cc.

Dear Comrade. This will be mailed from Detroit Saturday morning, and will reach you Monday in time for your next issue of the paper. First I want to let you know I have received three envelopes containing two issues of the paper and your letter. It was evident from the looks of the envelopes, the blue ones that they were tampered with. Not so the white envelope. So you had better use the same for your next letters. I also suggest that you do not have your name on your return address. It will make the snappers less curious.

Now as to the cases of our comrades. They were indicted to day on six charges which really should make one. Among these charges is one which reads "The Intent of committing an active ~~ix~~ is considered a criminal offense. In other words the Court insists that the literature found in comrade Bertolotti's possession even if it is old material proved the "Intent". Such for instance as a poster sent A.B. by Bertoni representing the Ethiopian war is considered ~~an~~ an intent of interfering with the present war. It is absolutely crazy, but you know what the powers that be can do and will do if they can get away with it. The other charges also rest on mere intent as interpreted by the prosecution. For instance a small printing press which can only print throwaways or some small manifesto. The Court is going to insist that A.B. printed and also distributed subversive literature. And there is a lot more.

In addition are two broken revolvers that have been found and which is considered a criminal offense. And most important is the attempt of the authorities to say that A.B. is in Canada illegally. In other words the cases are serious, so much so that A.B. was refused bail altogether and the other two had their Bail fixed at ten thousand dollars each. Of course the Court knows that we can not raise such Bail. Were it only a question of A.B I think I might be able to raise this among comrades who have their own home. A.B is well known and and very much liked. Besides, it would have helped the cases if we could him free for a while. But the miserable gang is absolutely set on holding him.

We were most fortunate in getting an attorney who is socially alert. He knows the social struggle and feels deeply with it. And he has a keen legal mind far superior to most lawyers. In addition he is a fighter and very much interested in our boys. But of course he will have to be paid. You understand that dear comrade I am sure.

I am writing this while waiting for the attorney to come and give me a full report about to days proceedings. He also promised to prepare for me the legal aspect of the cases which I will send along. You can quote it in your article in L.A. I wanted very much to write an article for our entire press in America and send you a copy. But there is a hitch. It is this, so far I have kept in the back ground simply seeing to it that our comrades are adequately defended and that they should be visited and ~~examined~~ looked after while they are in jail. I have not appeared in their behalf publicly. If my name will appear in our press or in the Liberal papers there is a possibility that this may cost me my stay in Canada. I am not sure nor would

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I care facing deportation if something very grave were involved. I am sure you will agree with me that it would not lighten the cases for our friends if I were to sign an article or an appeal. ~~But~~ For this reason it will be best if you will use the inclosed material and give the cases the widest publicity possible. I will ask our Spanish and Jewish comrades to do the same in their papers. It will also be necessary to make a strong appeal for funds. I am sure you will be able to do so. It might be best that all contributions should come to L.A. and that you should then send the whole to me here. I will then account to you otherwise would mean so much more work for me of which I already have a lot. I have no regular secretary, only a comrades daughter who gives me a few hours a week. However, if comrades wish to communicate with me direct it will be alright. Which ever you consider best. I leave that to you. Only see that the appeal goes in your next issue, the quicker the better.

Indeed dear comrade you did right in not sending me the Rochester addresses without consulting the comrades. I am not in the least offended for that. I thought of course that you have the consent of the comrades on your lists. But it is quite alright. Come to think of it it is better as you have suggested.

I am puzzled about the person who called me late at night I have an idea the name was given as Brand. I have never met him but I heard much about him when I was in Barcelona and he was under arrest. There too under the damnable Communist Negrin regime it was necessary to help get him free. It merely goes to prove that we are right when we say all governments are arbitrary, tyrannical and coercive.

I will write more when our attourney arrives.

Friday. our lawyer arrived too late to continue this letter. Besides the statement he has prepared to day and which I sent for really explains the situation. So there is nothing to add. As I said this will be taken to Detroit to night and mailed tomorrow morning. When you reply simply say you have received the message and that you will proceed along the lines indicated. Or if ~~you~~ anything is not clear let me know. Last night I read the stenographic report of yesterday's proceeding and I was most impressed by the keen way of our attourney in putting the prosecution on the defensive. We here who know the man are sure that he will make a good fight in behalf of our friends.

Fraternal greetings to all the comrades.

Fraternally.

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Ann Arbor, October 19th.-1939.

Labadie Collection.
Library, University of Michigan.

Miss Emma Goldman,
295 Vaughan Road.
Toronto, Ontario,
Canada,

Dear Emma, Everything went off all right at this end. The inclosed letter to Mr. Martin Gudell, will explain itself. Both letters are sent air-mail to Paris. So we can hope they arrive safely. And it is to be hoped that he will get them in time. It seems that William Bullett is the Ambassador, so that will help matters, as he will want to help about it.

Your letter to me was delayed on account of its being addressed to the old 1340 Wilmot Street. My one and only address, now, is the "Labadie Collection, Library, University of Michigan. Ann Arbor, Michigan." Wilmot Street passed out years ago! It went the way of the roses like everything else. I just roam, and as I never know what I'll do next I never change my address. The Labadie Collection is permanent, My work there changes, as I find I can't do as much, now, and yet there is more to do. But personally I like research and chronicling information better than sorting and grouping separate leaflets and papers!. Nevertheless that has to be done. But when I get the Spanish Revolution all fixed I'll let up a bit, I plan. But that must be done! I am saving all papers in all languages and then all booklets, books and all source material, in envelopes, and then in Boxes - small and large and larger. I feel inot a gold-mine of a work thanks to good old Joe Labadie!. It never ceases to be thrilling. Im glad that he and Mrs. Labadie lived to see their work saved and preserved. All the data from the Fund for Political Prisoners is preserved and all Press-Service, and Im glad that a book is coming out containing that information, as I understand the book-"The Guillotine at Work" is for...

At present Im reading Pierre Van Passen's "The Days of Our Years." I got to know him thru what I received of his writings about Spain. I had already an envelope with his things that I had in it. Well the end of another page. So until again! Agnes C. H.

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Ann Arbor, October 19th.-1939.

Labadie Collection.
 Library, University of Michigan .
 U.S.A.

Mr. Martin Gudell.
 Care of the American Embassy.
 Paris.
 France.

Dear Mr. Gudell,

A letter received October 17th . from Emma Goldman informed me regarding material that you plan to bring to this country and donate to the Labadie Collection , here in the University of Michigan. She suggested that I write both to you and to the American Embassy . Instead of writing to the American Embassy I took her letter to Dr . William Warner Bishop , the head librarian . After submitting his letter to the President of the University , and having his approval , the letter is to leave by air-mail to-day, I am assured. I thought a letter from the university authorities would give both you and the American Embassy better satisfaction than just hearing from me, as you can see the Labadie Collection is appreciated and that material in it is considered , as it is, of great value to scholars of historical research, I am deeply anxious that both that letter and this reaches you safely, and in time. I have endeavored for several years to obtain all source material possible on events now taking place in the great world movements and , when her letter came, I was in the midst of sorting, grouping and arranging for use and preservation a great deal of material dealing with these events , in Europe and in America, too, of course. So I do assure you that the material you have no doubt saved and valued will find a place and will be preserved , and it will be deeply appreciated . If material is not saved and preserved now , then, later it cannot be obtained at all. The Labadie Collection is unique in that it goes far back and has much data on events like the Knights of Labor for instance and even farther back . But also it is alive and keeps up to data in as many lines as it is possible . If you come over and come this way I shall then show you the collection and your material , with great pleasure. I shall await the material with hope and fear for its safe arrival, Sincerely, yours,

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[Letter, 1939 Oct. 20? Toronto to] Milly [Witcop Rocker, Detroit] / E[mma Goldman]. — 1 p. ; 14 x 19 cm.

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Dearest milly. I am writing this in haste. I sent a long letter and statement to R. by D. But I have since learned from our attorney that his fee will be \$1500. On the face of it it seems a very steep amount but when you consider that the attorney will have to fight six charges against each of our men, an extra charge on the broken revolvers and two immigration cases, you will realize that the fee is not at all high, difficult as it maybe to raise the money. Anyhow I want you to see the Italian, Spanish and Jewish comrades and impress on their minds how grave the charges are, and that it is up to them and the rest of the comrades in the States to help us save Arthur and the rest. The Spanish comrades in D. have sent me fifty dollars. Please see them again, Vivas and the people of the Spanish Anti-Fascist group and the Italians. And the Jews ought to help. They have raised meagrely forty dollars here, while the unemployed Italians have already raised \$133. Its the old story, our people call themselves International, yet they are narrow nationalists. Still Arthur Bertolotti is very well known among the Jewish comrades in D. as well as the Italians. So do try your luck.

I hope the banquet was a great success and that R. Is m
meetings will be well attended.

In a full haste with love.

 Roc

Love to R. and fraternal greetings to the heirs.

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[Letter] 1939 Oct. 20, Toronto [to] Agnes Inglis, Ann Arbor, Mich. / E[mma] G[oldman]. — 1 p. ; 28 x 22 cm.

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Toronto Ont. Oct. 20th 39

Dear Agnes. Your letter gave me an awful shock. After nearly a quarter of a century in radical ranks and knowing that my name is anathema in every country and the U.S.A especially you send M.G. a letter giving my name in connection with the authorization for him to bring the material. How could you do such a thing? I can only hope he will have the sense not to show the letter. But even that will not help if the University authorities have also mentioned me. The fact that M.G. knows me or has any connection whatever with me may ruin his chances of getting across though he is a native born American. Frankly I am terribly worried and chagrined. I don't know what can be done about it now except that the letter may not reach him on time or that M.G. will not use your letter to him. But as I said this would help little if the University referred to me in any way. The fact that Bullitt is Ambassador would help precious little. Well, I shall have no peace until M.G. lands safely.

sending

I am ~~sending~~ this via Detroit

Faithfully

EG

Re. Martini Gudell -

Oct 20. 1939 -

Emma Goldman

Damned by long hand. a note saying I thought every thing was satisfactory - and would go off all right.

Agnes Inglis

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Toronto Oct 20th 39

Dear comrades of the Freie Arb. Stimme.

You may have already heard about the raid and arrest of five of our comrades. One has been dismissed the others are held for trial. I inclose two copies of letters I have written to comrades in the States giving them the details of the cases that they may see how important it is and that immediate material help is needed. I also send you a copy of a statement prepared by our attorney. It will give you an idea about the intentions of the authorities to make short shrift with our people.

I call your attention to the fact that Arthur Ber-
tolotti is well known in Italian ranks as one of the finest type of comrades we have. Absolutely dedicated to our cause, generous and a tremendous worker. It is added to his anti fascist activities one of the reasons why he is hated by the Italian Fascists and also gives proof that they are back of the raid and the arrest. The Italian comrades in this city, Windsor, and in several cities in America have already responded beautifully to the Defense Fund. I should feel most disappointed if the readers of the Freie Arb. Stimme will do less. The cases are very grave. If the authorities succeed in their efforts each one of three comrades may get one year for each sentence. That means six years for every man. It is preposterous I agree, but you know that even in peace time there is little justice in courts. But Canada is at war and in suffering from war panic. We may therefore expect the worst. I therefore appeal to all comrades and sympathizers to come to the rescue of our friends in jail here. Send all contributions per money order to the Freie Arb. Stimme, or to me per Mrs E.G. Colton 295 Vaughan Road Toronto Ont. Canada.

Dear Mark. I hope you will bring the above and in addition the statement of our attorney whose name is J.L. Conna, a very brilliant and able man and a good fighter.

I congratulate you and the other comrades of the Freie Arb. Stimme on the splendid anniversary edition. I hope that the effort was a great success.

Love to Johanna and yourself truant though you are

Please give the above a conspicuous place and write editorially about the absurdity of the Law which completely destroys every vestige of Civil Liberties. It is on this ground the cases are to be fought.

I am sending this via Detroit to make sure it will reach you without delay.

fraternally greetings to all the comrades.

*The statement in letter to
longer than a resume of it. And
also the fact that the author
of the statement is a very
able man and a good fighter.*

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Now as to the cases of our comrades. They were indicted on six charges which really should make one. Among these charges is one which reads "the intent of committing an act in violation of a criminal offence." In other words, the Court insists that the literature found in Comrade Bertolotti's possession, even if it is old material, proved the "intent." Such for instance as a poster sent A. B. by Bordani representing the Ethiopian war is considered an intent of interfering with the present war. It is absolutely away, but you know what the powers that be can do, and will do, if they can get away with it. The other charges also rest on mere intent as interpreted by the prosecution. For instance, a small printing press which can only print throwaways or some small manifesto. The Court is going to insist that A. B. printed and also distributed subversive literature. And there is a lot more.

In addition are two broken revolvers that have been found and which is considered a criminal offence. And most important is the attempt of the authorities to say that A. B. is in Canada illegally. In other words, the cases are serious. So much so that A. B. was refused bail altogether and the other two had their bail fixed at ten thousand dollars each. Of course, the Court knows that we can not raise such bail. Were it only a question of A. B. I think I might be able to raise this among comrades who have their own homes. A. B. is well known and very much liked. Besides, it would help the cases if we could free him for a while. But the miserable gang is absolutely set on holding him.

We were most fortunate in getting an attorney who is socially all right. He knows the social struggle and feels deeply with it. And he has a keen legal mind far superior to most lawyers. In addition he is a fighter and very much interested in our boys. But of course he will have to be paid. You understand that, dear comrade, I am sure. His name is J. L. Cohen.

I forgot to mention the great danger of deportation for A. B. True, he has lived in this country about nineteen years, but still he is an alien. Our only hope to prevent that is to get him free from the charges as per enclosed statement. One more thing, the young Cuban friend who has come here has also been arrested in the raid and while there is no charge against him he is held by the Immigration authorities for investigation.

Under the present trouble it will be best to write Hamday not to contemplate any more visitors. The crossing is dangerous anyway and we have our hands full as it is. Please attend to this.

Emma Goldman

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[Letter] 1939 Oct. 20, Toronto [to] Roger [Baldwin, New York] / E[mma] G[oldman].— 2 p.; 27 x 21 cm.

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295 Laugham Rd.,
Toronto, Oct. 20, 1939.

10/21/39
E.G.

Dear Roger:

You are quite right. I have had "some hard rebuff" in the last years. Many bitter disappointments in people who have for years proclaimed friendship and who have broken faith as easily as your friend Stalin has broken faith with the Russian people. But that really has not made me bitter except the times when everything seems to crash over me. In any event I did not mean to hurt your feelings, though I was disappointed that nothing was attempted while there still was a modicum of hope. However, it isn't about myself I want to write you. It is about the cases I mentioned in my last letter.

I am enclosing a statement prepared for me by our attorney, Mr. J. L. Cohen. That will give you an idea how utterly preposterous the war ruling passed here without anybody's knowledge is. Actually, my friends here are likely to get a year on each charge, which means six years for one person. Of course, we mean to fight the case to the bitter end. We are very fortunate in having secured a man with a very keen legal mind, deep social awareness and a fighting spirit. In point of fact, the ruling abrogates every vestige of civil rights and liberties, as you will agree after you have read the statement. We could not wait for the action of the Civil Liberties in Montreal. We knew that the authorities are set on making short shrift with our people. As the Crown Attorney said in court "such cases must be dealt with swiftly." Then, too, we did not want to precipitate the issue by writing the Civil Liberties Union in Montreal for some action on their part. Our attorney was opposed to any publicity until the charges will be made. But now that it has been done we want as much publicity as we can possibly get.

Dear Roger, I would of course write an article or two about the cases and send them to the New Republic and the Nation. I understand these publications are read here widely. But there is a hitch. So far I have kept in the background in order to be of greater help to the arrested men. Not only because I did not wish to saddle them with having connections with me, but also because it is likely as not that if my name appears to any article I might write the Canadian authorities might use this as a pretext to shove me out. I shouldn't mind, if it were a question of imprisonment, but I confess the thought of deportation gives me the jitters. I suffered beyond words the three years I lived in that blood-freezing country and that was before the war. Now it would be suicidal, if I had to return there. Another thing is that I am still clinging to the hope that if I stay on here until next year perhaps I might get across to the States. My better judgment tells me that I am growing a greater fool with age. But what will you? Once the heart craves the brain has very little influence.

You might ask why I am writing you this. It is in the hope that you might write an article for either the New Republic or the Nation calling attention to the ruling as per the enclosed statement and the danger to the men as well as the attempt to destroy all civil rights. You can, of course, say that you have received your information from an authoritative source. Perhaps also point out the fact that Canada has gone its mother country one better, since

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there are still some civil liberties in England and fewer and fewer in this country. I know how busy you are and I hate to add to your burdens, but the fact is that without publicity the boys will be railroaded to a long term of imprisonment. The papers here are very reactionary and "patriotic" and will certainly not come out against the ridiculous law. The Toronto Star, supposedly liberal, is like Ibsen said "most illiberal." So we must try for publicity in America. Which of the daily's would write about the cases? Anyway, whatever help you can give me in rescuing the men will mean a great deal to me and to them. Please do what you can and let me hear from you soon. With my abiding affections, never mind my disappointment.

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[Emma Goldman]

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[Letter] 1939 Oct. 20, Toronto [to] Herbert [Read, Beaconsfield, England] / E[mma] G[oldman]. — 2 p. ; 28 x 22 cm.

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Dear Mr. Read:

I am very glad to hear of our Italian comrades raided. A great deal of years was concerned statement in the place. You know the situation under which the Italian comrades are already in their mother country. It is not a matter of six days after the fact. I thought that looking at the situation would be an easy matter to dispose of. The situation probably that these men have no friends or contacts and they could be railroaded to prison for a number of years without anybody being the wiser for it. The Crown already seems very disappointed that the cases cannot be treated "swiftly". He certainly intended to rescue our men no matter how difficult and costly the struggle might be.

In view of the fact that the newspapers here have so far given the scantiest account of the proceedings in Court it becomes necessary to try for publicity in America and if possible also in England. It was my intention to write a short article about the abrogation of civil liberties in this country as expressed by the law and the attempt to convict our comrades. Unfortunately, there is a hitch as far as I am concerned. It is this - I have so far kept in the background because I did not want to add to the difficulties our friends will have without being saddled with my name. It is certain if anything from my pen appears about the cases in the newspapers in New York or London it would not only hurt our arrested friends but it might also lead to my deportation. I shouldn't mind in the least if it were a question of imprisonment, but to go back to England at this time would spell suicide for me. Yet we must have publicity to save our people. It, therefore, occurred to me that you might be able to compile an article from this letter and from the statement and get it into the Manchester Guardian, the New Chronicle, the Daily Herald, and possibly the Nation-New Statesman. You can state that you have your information regarding the arbitrariness of the law and its danger to civil liberties from an authoritative and reliable source. I have asked a friend in New York to do the same for the New Republic, the Nation and some other liberal newspapers. I am sure that publicity alone will save our four comrades. I, therefore, depend on you to get the matter known to English publications which are widely read. Only, if the authorities here will know of the case and the friends with novel and original thinking, will be able to help them.

Their defense is in the hands. We were very fortunate in finding an attorney with a social vision (in-essentially he is the solicitor for the trade unions here), a keen legal mind and a sense of justice. In addition he has grown to like Arthur Bortolotti, the principle and outstanding comrade of the group. Arthur is one of the finest types of com-rades I have ever known to meet and we all feel that the must

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INDUSTRIAL WORKERS OF THE WORLD

CANADIAN ADMINISTRATION

314 BAY STREET, PORT ARTHUR, ONT.

October 21, 1939.

E.G. Colton,
295 Vaughan Road,
Toronto, Ont.,

Fellow Worker;-

We received a letter addressed to Wm. Mc Phee as of October 4th, 1939, regarding a tour of yours through this part of the country, as this letter was some what belated in arriving here, this of course makes this a belated reply to it.

If you intend at anytime making a tour of this country we here will give you all the assistance we can such as arranging for a hall for you and the matter of advertising same, we of course ask your ideas as to the type of advertising you wish, etc., The hall part is quite easily arranged for we are in contact with workers who control a large hall suitable for such cases as yours would be. This would have to be arranged a little in advance as these workers use their hall twice a week or more for entertainments etc., However this would not be hard to arrange.

However, no doubt due to your work in the defense of the four arrested workers in Toronto you are busily engaged there at present and have ~~not~~ changed your plans for a speaking tour? If so we will more than appreciate hearing from you on this matter.

We here expect to be able to send you a few dollars next week, for the defense of the workers in question, it is a very small donation I assure you, this due only to the fact of lack of finance rather than any other matter. And we will from time to time try our utmost to see what we can collect funds for the defense of those workers.

Until we hear from you on this matter,

We are, with best regards,

Yours for Industrial Freedom.

James Heney
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[Letter] 1939 Oct. 21 [New York to] Emma [Goldman, Toronto] / Samuel [Freedman].— 1 p. ; 28 x 22 cm.

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October 21, 1939

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Dear Emma:

I was too busy with the Special 40th Anniversary of the F.A.S. to answer your letter sooner. Besides that, I was wondering at what address to write you, as I know the Intelligent Service are investigating your mail and I did not feel that it would be proper to send you a list with names and addresses under those conditions.

Today, fate intervened in the person of Sylvia Fitzgerald. Enclosed is a list of our subscribers in Canada. I am also sending with Sylvia a copy of our 40 page issue of the F.A.S. as I understand that the Canadian subscribers haven't received our publication for the past two or three weeks. I must ask you, Emma, not to keep the list of subscribers in your home, for safety sake.

As far as the money for you is concerned, it is in the hands of the secretary, M. Grishkan. The reason for the delay in sending you the money, is because on account of the F.A.S. Jubilee, we were too busy to contact the people who still haven't turned in the money they collected. We shall now get in touch with them and settle the matter by sending you a money order.

The following is a list of groups and individuals who contributed towards your 70th Birthday Fund:

Froyen Group of Detroit, Rebecca Warren, Sec'y - 572 Trowbridge Ave. Detroit, Mich. \$16.00
 Amshol Group of N.Y. - J. Goodman, Sec'y-100 Van Cortland Pk. S. Bronx, N.Y. - \$10.00
 Free Workers Group-Mollie Gurian, Sec'y-712 W. 180th St. Bronx, N.Y. \$10.00
 David and Esther Isakowitz-47-55 39th Pl. Sunnyside, L.I.N.Y. - \$5.00
 I. Radinowsky - 330 E. 31st St. New York City - \$3.00
 Samuel Freedman - 45 W. 17th St. New York City - \$5.00.
 New Society Branch 364-M. Horowitz, Sec'y - 80 Van Cortland Pk. S. Bronx, N.Y. (Haven't sent in the money yet)
 Rose Mirsky % Dressmakers Union Local 22-218 W. 40th St. N.Y.C. (Has about \$20.00 but hasn't sent it in yet)
 Ferrer Center-B. Fleesler, Sec'y - 1802 Longfellow Ave. Bronx, N.Y. (Hasn't sent in the money)

Our concert in Town Hall was morally a great success. The speakers and artists were excellent. About 1200 people were present.

I am also giving Sylvia Fitzgerald an address where you can address mail to the U.S.

With cordially greetings and love from my family and myself,

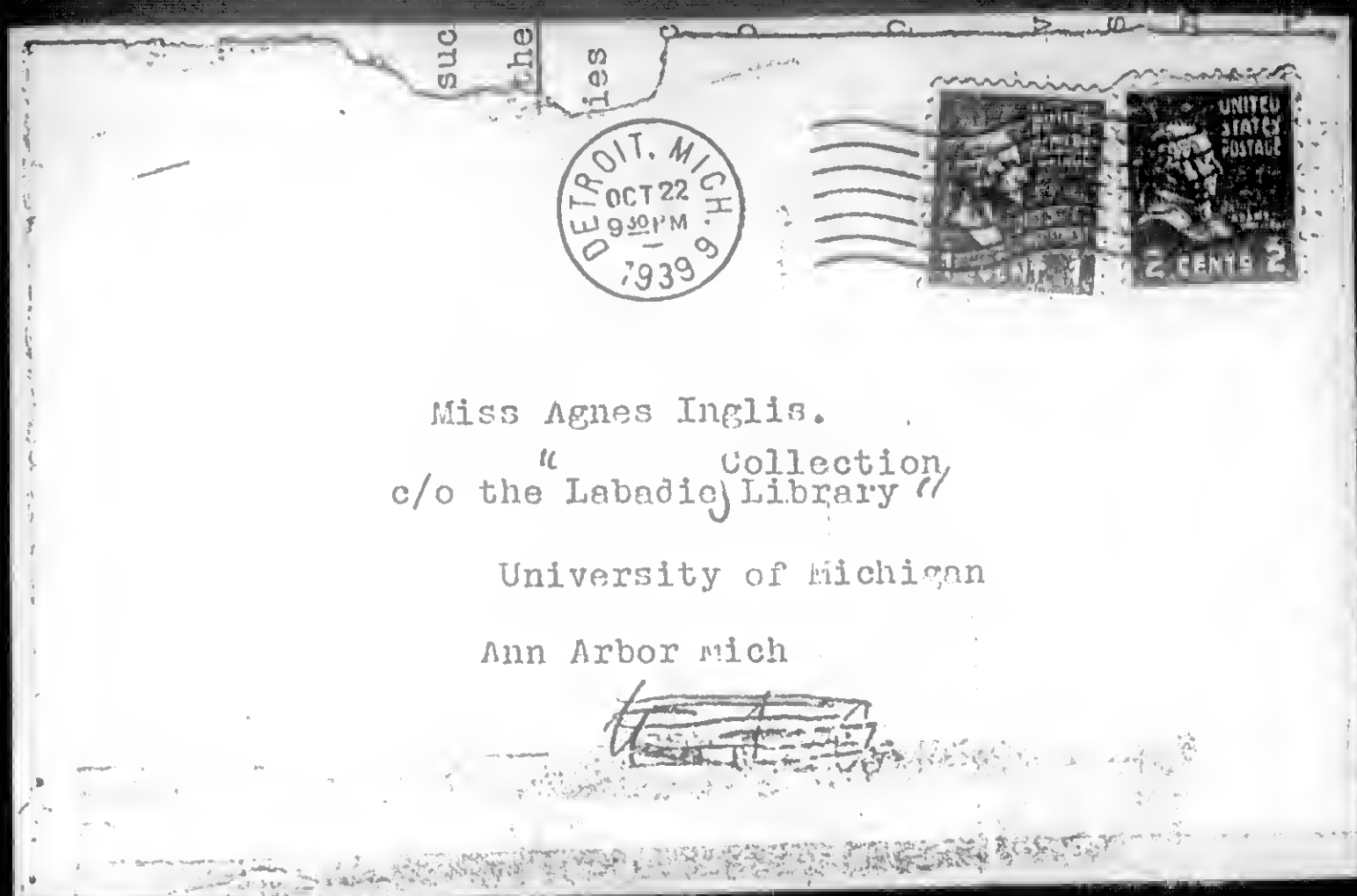
Yours,

Samuel

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Dear Clara.

I have sent a letter and statement to the Freie Arb. Stinne asking Mark to make an appeal for our comrades facing six charges and possible conviction unless we make a very strenuous fight to rescue them. I have since had a talk with our attorney who is the ablest man in this city for the cases and who will certainly make the most adequate defense. Whether he will succeed in rescue our friends no one can tell. One thing is certain the cases involve an awful lot of time, work and concentration. I therefore do not think the fee of \$1500 which J.L. Cohen the lawyer is asking too exorbitant though it will be difficult for our Italian comrades of L.A. to raise so much money. I have just written them to implore ~~you~~ them to do their utmost. However, it will be necessary for the comrades of the Freie Arb. Stinne and Vanguard to do their share in raising what they can. ~~I have sent you a letter~~ Please see your father and impress it on his mind that the Freie Arb. Stinne must make a strong appeal telling its readers of the gravity of the cases. And what about ~~the~~ the list I sent you, have you raised anything on it? If so please send it.

You can imagine how concerned we are about the cases and especially about Arthur. The authorities seem to have set their mind on sending him up ~~for~~ a steep sentence. And also to establish a precedent of the law as to be able to swoop down with greater ease on others. Your father or Mark might let you see the statement I sent them. I am sorry I cannot send you and Vanguard a special copy. Come to think of it I feel I should send you one. Here it is inclosed. You will see it is a most outrageous concoction. Anyhow, J.L. Cohen our attorney is the best man we could get this cemetery. But of course he will have to be paid his fee. Please get busy and do what you can to rouse interest in the fate of our arrested comrades.

Let me hear from you soon please.

With love.

This is of course also intended for you comrade Solomon.

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[Letter, 19]39 Oct. 22, Toronto [to] N[ick Di] Domenico, [New York] / [Emma Goldman]. — 1 p. ; 29 x 22 cm.

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Oct 22nd 39

Dear Comrade.

A letter with statement of the cases was mailed to you from Detroit yesterday and will reach you tomorrow morning I hope. To day I must write you again. I had a long talk with our attorney. He is certainly going to make a splendid fight though it is difficult to foretell what the outcome will be. As ~~xxxx~~ you will realize from the statement there are six charges to each man. That means a fight on every charge in addition to the ~~the~~ ridiculous charge of the broken rusty revolvers found in the house that could not be used even if anyone had wanted to do so. Lastly there is also two immigration charges. All in all the defense implies a great deal of work, time and concentration. I am telling you this that you may know that the fee asked by our attorney of \$1500 while seemingly very high is really not so much when one considers the labor involved in the struggle to free our comrades. I wish I could hold out hope that part of the amount can be raised here from the Jewish comrades. The trouble is we have no more than half dozen and so far they have contributed only around forty dollars. There is no English movement or comrades. So they are out of the question. The Italians, also very few comrades, but anti-fascists have collected \$100. They may raise a little more. I do not know. Detroit has responded with fifty dollars from the Spanish group. I have heard nothing from the Italians so far though I know that a few individuals have contributed. However I have sent appeals to the Italian and Jewish comrades in Detroit. No doubt something will come from there. I have also received fifty dollars from the GIA in New York. All in all I have received so far about \$400 which includes the fifty you sent.

Now the question is can you through your paper raise an additional thousand or more? I know that you will appeal to the poorest of the poor and I wish it were unnecessary to burden these comrades. But I do not see what else we can do. We are of course hoping fervently that our lawyer may succeed in saving our men. But in case an appeal to a higher court will be necessary there will be additional expenses to the fee asked by the man and which I ~~was told~~ learn only yesterday. I confess I feel rotten to have to submit this to you. But since the we must fight the cases to prevent a precedent which the authorities are determined to make we simply will have to raise the necessary fund. I can assure you that there is no other legal mind and a man with thorough knowledge and understanding of the social aspect ~~nothing~~ involved in the cases in this city. This besides being keenly interested in our comrades. But as you know lawyers are lawyers. It is however true as I have already stated that there is an immense amount of labor and time connected with the defense. Lastly you can rest assured that I will supervise the fight as well as the expenses to the best of my ability.

Let me hear from you soon please.

Fraternally.

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Oct. 22, 1939.,

Dear Comrade Emma:

I wonder if you have received anything from Gary? I wrote to them last week, but have not heard from them as yet.

Am enclosing 18.25 for nine dollars you will please send a receipt to Grupo Liberi, 908 So. Western Ave. Chicago, Ill. Our social season opened Saturday night, with a dance and now it will be one round of lectures, dances, bazaar etc. This Sunday we are having the banquet for the F.A.S. the 25 & 26th of Nov. the annual bazaar, which will mean a lot of work to put it through, it is always a lot of strain and worry but then, we have to do something to keep ourselves occupied..

I can imagine that you must be under quite a strain yourself, our older people just don't want to be bothered, and the young ones aren't interested, so there we are.

We expect Millie and R. here Sunday, they will stay a few days only. I bought a Toronto paper the other day, but I did not see anything worth while there, I imagine it was one of the ~~poorer~~ unimportant ones, there was very little foreign news in it, and very little local ones for that, it looked like a carbon copy of a Chicago paper because it had all the lesser news about the U.S. which paper is it that is in your opinion worth while? When I am down town, I usually got out of town papers, I like to see what is happening, and I shall buy one.

I gave our friends regards from you, and they were all very glad to know that I had heard from you.

Best Wishes,

Anna Olay

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Dear friend May, Anna will have told you about the trouble we have here over the arrest of four of our Italian comrades and one Cuban, a deportation case. Since I sent Anna part of the War ruling passed here I have received a complete statement of the charges made against our friends. Preposterous as it seems the authorities have made six charges out of one against each of the defendants among them being THE ATTEMPT to commit an offense as the offense itself. So far the prosecution has not yet been able to say what constitutes an ATTEMPT but it is clear they will try hard to prove their point. As the cases stand now our friends are in danger of steep sentences. We must therefore do our utmost to save our people. Unfortunately money is needed for that. The fees of the attorney will come to \$1500. This looks exorbitant on first glance. But when one considered the labor, time and actual fight one does not consider it quite out of the way. As it is we have not only the best legal mind to defend our boys but also one keenly understanding the issues involved in the cases, their social significance and also the interest of our attorney in the comrades themselves. I inclose a copy of the statement which please let Anna and all the Italian, Spanish and Jewish comrades read that they may realize the gravity of the cases and the immediate need for financial help. Between the various groups and nationals it should not be too difficult to raise part of the amount needed here for the fight to rescue our comrades from the clutches of the law and prison. Will you please see what can be done. What ever it is it must be done quickly. Yes, I have already received \$37 from Chicago, the \$20 Anna has sent and \$17 Katie Picconi. Can more be raised? You probably know Arthur Bartolotti by name, he is well known in Italian ranks. He is one of the finest, most clearheaded and devoted comrades I have met. Every effort must be made to save him, and the others as well of course.

~~Now that I have finished the translation of the letter to the~~
~~the Spanish language and the name of the letter is, "Lucias letter"~~
~~it is written in French so I do not need to trouble you about the~~
~~translation. It is only~~

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Oct. 23rd 39

Jeanne Dearest. I had your short scrib telling me you had trouble with a growth on your eye. I hope it is nothing serious and that you have recovered and that your eyes are as lovely as ever.

Dearest before anything else I want to let you know that the few comrades in Winnipeg we have have arranged two Jewish lectures for me. Originally it was also to be two English meetings. Now they write they were unable to secure a reasonable hall for less than \$125. Of course they cannot pay such rental. On the other hand it seems a frightful waste to make the trip at an expense of \$100 for fare and sleepers traveling tourist just for two Jewish meetings. I have written them yesterday if they have not already advertised my coming and they have not begun the sale of tickets I would rather not come, especially early Nov. However you might write your Mr Hyman to see if you would not be willing to help now when there is an attempt to bring me to Winnipeg. Give him comrade I. Silversteins address which is 338 Boyd Ave. No doubt he has a phone and Hyman could if he wished get in touch with S. over the phone. Please do so without delay.

I have just written Ben Laddon who is supposed to be in Winnipeg this week. I asked him to get in touch with Silverstein. If he is he will contact Harosnick. Surely such endurance and effort as I have spent this summer on trying to reach the West deserve response so do what you can with your and Jays friends.

Speaking of not being very keen on going to W. for the 12th of Nov. I am head over heels in the defense of our Italian comrades. The Court has already concocted 6 charges against each of the three defendants. It is therefore going to be a bitter struggle to save the ~~men~~ men from years of imprisonment. The attorney alone will cost \$1500. It seems a steep fee but when you consider the time already spent to save our people from being railroaded and the time and labor still to be put into the cases you will appreciate that the fee is not too exorbitant. Besides, he is the only man in this city for our cases, the best legal mind, the keenest social awareness of the things the defense involves. Besides all that he is sincerely interested in the fate of Arthur Bertolotti and the others.

Dearest Jeanne I inclose a full statement so you can see how grave the accusations are though truly preposterous. I must ask you to help. We must raise a fund, so far Chicago sent only \$37 Anna Olay \$20, and Katie Picconi \$17. We appreciate their immediate response. But more, much more is needed. Please go after the Jewish, the Italian and the Spanish groups. I cannot send separate statements to every body. Show them yours. Please get busy at once.

I have wonderful news: the first letter from my own Stella in a year. She is to be discharged from the hospital soon. She seems very clear in everything though she still thinks she is not

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needed, but that she must make a place for herself. My heart is full
to overflowing with the miraculous come back of my child. I still tr
~~tremble~~ tremble that she may grow ever stronger and clearer in her
mind.

I embrace you my dearest with love. Be sure to give Jay my
affectionate greetings.

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Oct 24th 39

Dear comrades of the Grupo Liberi.

Comrade Anna Olay sent me your contribution to the defense of our imprisoned Italian comrades in this city now awaiting trial. I thank you for your solidarity in their name and my own.

Dear comrades I want to impress upon your mind that the war ruling under which Arthur ~~Bertox~~ Bertolotti and the two others are to be tried is very drastic. If the government should succeed our men may be sent up/ for six years each and possibly also will have to pay a fine. We cannot permit that because we know there is no truth or fact whatever in the charges against them. They have done nothing that could be construed even from the point of view of the authorities. But this is war time and you know how arbitrary the authorities become at such a time.

What I want you to know is that we are determined to make a fight no matter what the cost, actually we must have at least \$1500 to fight the cases adequately. It is for this reason that I appeal to you to begin a campaign to raise the necessary fund to save our splendid comrades. I know there are many needy cases, still this is irridiate. Once the damnable law succeeds no one will be safe in this country. This and the freedom of our comrades should put enough energy into all of us to rescue our friends.

Do as much as possible dear comrades of the Liberi Grupo and let us hear from you soon under the name E.G. Colton

Fraternally.

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Oct. 24th '39

My dear faithful comrade Anna.

I just got your letter with the money order for \$18.25. Thank you for your efforts my dear. Saturday, or maybe it was Sunday I wrote your dear companion and sent him the statement containing the charges against our comrades under the new war ruling. The authorities are determined to railroad our friends. It therefore means a bitter fight involving much effort and time and needing a large tin chest. It is for this reason that I implore you not to be deterred by the many undertakings in Chicago which you have described. On the contrary use these affairs to collect more money to save our comrade from a number of years of imprisonment. I have impressed the need on the mind of your comrade Olay as well. I hope something can be done to collect a part of the \$1500 every cent of which will be needed to fight ~~them~~ for the freedom of our comrades now in jail. Please do your utmost.

I cannot send the letter to the comrades of the Gruppo Liberi because I cannot have this appear on the envelope, my letter would be held up for days for the snoopers here to find out about the Italian group. I therefore send along a short letter to the comrades and you send it on in Chicago explaining why I have sent my letter to you. I wanted also to send them a copy of the statement but it will make the letter too heavy. Perhaps Olay will show them the one I sent him.

No I have not heard from Indiana. I wish you would send me the address of the most reliable comrade I would send him a statement and also write him.

Affectionately

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Oct. 24, 1939.

Mr. James Henly,
Sec'y-Treas.,
Industrial Workers of the World,
314 Bay St., Port Arthur, Ont.

Fellow Worker:

Your letter of the 21st instance reached me yesterday. I hasten to reply. First, about our arrested comrades — you will see by the enclosed statement that the powers that be are quite frank about their intentions to tuck the men away for a number of years. The War Ruling, Section 39a not only considers an actual committed act as an offence, but even the attempt to commit an act. In addition, they have stretched the Ruling from one charge to six against each man. Also by their own frank admission they want the cases tried "swiftly". Needless to say we intend to make a big fight and to do everything in our power to prevent the railroading of our people. In point of fact, it is not only a question of the liberties of the arrested Italians, most important though this is. It is also a question of civil liberties which the War Ruling abrogates. Once the authorities will succeed in making a precedent of the indicted people no one will be safe from being raided and rounded up. Anyway we mean to fight.

At this writing I cannot say what will happen on Thursday. You will see by the statement that our attorney, demands specific proofs for the time, the place, and the distribution of the so-called printed matter. The Court admitted that it couldn't produce such proofs, but between the 19th and 26th is a long time. Besides it does not take long to swear away people's liberty. Since the case is so serious we appreciate all the help we can get, whatever it is. Thanks a lot in advance.

As to your splendid solidarity in offering to help with meetings for me in Port Arthur. I am to go to Winnipeg the first week in November, although that is not quite definite. I was invited to come for four lectures, two in English and two in Yiddish. The last news I received was to the effect that Yiddish ones are arranged but the halls for English ones have proven far beyond the means of my comrades. On the other hand, it does not seem to me worthwhile to spend a mint of money for only two Yiddish lectures. If at least I could contact I.W.W. friends in Edmonton, Calgary, and Vancouver as willing as you are to help with the arrangements with meetings, I would be only too glad to make the long journey. I will probably know definitely before this week over.

Not being certain about Winnipeg, I am not now in a position to give you definite dates. It will be plenty of time to do so from Winnipeg once I am there, because I shall probably remain there two weeks or longer which will give you ample time to organize a few lectures in your city. I feel very much relieved that you have an adequate hall.

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Is it centrally located? And what is the seating capacity? I would like to attract all sorts of people, to exclude no one, if possible. As I have no other source of livelihood, except my pen and my oral work and no party backing, I am obliged to charge an admission of twenty-five cents at all my lectures. Naturally, space is also left for a number of unemployed. Do you think that you and fellow-workers would be willing to undertake the advance sale of tickets?

As to the subjects, I want to speak on "Who Betrayed The Spanish People," "Stalin and Hitler Pact," "Who made Hitler?" "The Constructive of the Spanish People during the Spanish Revolution," also on "Living My Life" which is the title of my autobiography and gives a panorama in the United States of the labour and cultural struggle there. I also intend to do some literary criticism of such works as The Life of Stalin by B. Souvarine, and The Revolution of Nihilism by an ex-Nazi, and also most important The Assignment in Utopia by Eugene Lyons. You will know best which of these subjects will attract a Port Arthur audience.

I wonder if you have any contacts with fellow-workers of Fort William, Sault Ste. Marie, or any other town between here and Port Arthur. If so, will you kindly send me their names and addresses. As regards the kind of advertising, I have in mind. What we usually do is to print some thousands of throwaways and have them distributed and then place small advance ads. in the local papers. The wider publicity has always come from interviews which the newspapers have never failed to solicit when I have arrived in a city for lecture purposes. This will probably also happen in Port Arthur.

Please remember me to all the fellow-workers.

Fraternally,

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TEL. FROM MELROSE 2221

Emma Goldman

295 VAUGHAN ROAD

TORONTO
ONTARIO

Oct. 24, 1939.

Dearest Fitch:

Your letter of Oct. 10th reached me allright, but busy as a bee in looking after the interests of three Italian and one Cuban comrades. They were arrested Oct. 4th, their house raided and literature confiscated just five days after the new War Ruling had been passed. It is a very drastic Law, as you will see by the enclosed statement. In addition, it is idiotic. It repeats at absurdum the same charge six times against each man, and it considers "the Attempt" to commit an act in itself an offence. The "Crown" as the prosecution is called here makes no bones about its intention to railroad the men. If it succeeds, our comrades are likely to be locked away for a number of years. Besides that their conviction and sentence would establish a precedent and would strengthen the Law in grabbing anyone who happens ~~xxxxxx~~ to look askance at the powers that be. Anyway, I am at my old job, trying to help someone out of the clutches of the police. It is not so easy here, my dearest, for there is no movement of any kind and no public spirited people who would back this fight morally at least. However, the few who work with me and I are prepared to fight the prosecution inch by inch. But, of course, it will be expensive. We are lucky in getting a very brilliant lawyer. He has a keen mind. He knows the social and political issues involved in the arrest and he is a fighter. But by jimminy he is not cheap. It already is apparent that we will need a small fortune to make the fight.

I have sent out appeals to the Italian, Spanish papers, the Freie Arbeiter Stimme and to a number of individuals to help raise a fighting fund. I feel somewhat encouraged with the response so far, over \$400.00 since the men were arrested. But this is only a small part. I could not possibly turn to Tresca. For years there has been a feud between him and his group and our comrades and I know that the arrested men would accept nothing from him, nor do I believe that he would want to help. Please show Pauline this letter and the statement. She met Arthur Bartolletti and was very much impressed with his intelligence and his fine personality. He is one of the arrested men. Perhaps between the two of you, you could make out a list of names who might be approached to help materially to save these fine people. Please do this without delay and will you see to it that you or Pauline write me if there is a chance to accomplish something if you appeal to a few of your friends.

Never mind about any dinner for me. I have lost the desire for it when I realize the difficulties, especially now when all my thoughts are centred on how to save Arthur and the other comrades. So don't bother anymore. One cannot stand out against an avalanche.

Can you imagine my feeling when I saw Stella's handwriting and read her letter. I had to hold on to myself not to break out into a fit of hysterical weeping. There is no words to express the miracle

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that my own Stella has come out of the throes of the black phantoms that have harassed her for a year. She writes so clearly and vividly, like her old self again. If only it would last. I would send you her letter, but I want to send it to Mo. first. I will ask him to forward it to You or Pauline when he is through with it. The letter means a great deal to me and I do not ~~want~~ want to lose it. Perhaps I will copy it and send you a copy. The main thing is that Stella has come back from the labyrinth and from her frightful depression.

Well, my dear, I have given you all the news I have here. I do hope that you may soon land a steady job. I see that Paul has returned to America. I wonder does he still cling to his Communist faith after the complete collapse of the house that Moscow ~~has~~ had built on sand. I wonder whether you could not contact his manager. Please write me soon about the other matter in re ~~about~~ the arrested men. Remember me kindly to Cora and give Pauline my love. Tell her I depend upon her to do something for Arthur.

With love,



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Chicago, Oct. 26, 1939..

Dear Comrade Emma:

I am very much hurt by the indifference of the Gary bunch particularly since many of them are personal friends of ours, and they are all working now. I spoke to one of them over the phone last night, and he told me that so far he has not been able to do anything, but that they are receiving their pay in a ~~week~~ day or two, and then he will again see what he can do. They probably get paid every two weeks. I told ~~him to approach them again.~~ him to approach them again.

That people as a whole are indifferent, is an old story, but the general apathy of our own people hurts very deeply. They have a very good chance of taking the easiest way out by simply not being interested in anything... This certainly reflects greatly on all our work. The result is that just a few have to almost kill themselves and accomplish nothing. Well, I am certainly happy that we still have a few stand bys like you and R. that we can always count on, and it should serve as an inspiration to some of the others.

I can assure you that I will do all I can and if my efforts are not successful, it is not because I haven't tried.

Olay wrote to you, that he is going to N.Y. for a few days. I am very glad that he will be able to get away from the office for a few days. He has been working very hard. There is always so much to do. If you haven't sent the receipt to Western Ave. you can address it to Barber Shop, 908 So. Western Ave. I am sorry I did not think of it. before. Also send them material, it may be more effective coming from you.. I know how busy you are and hate to tax you with this extra correspondence but somehow it may carry more weight coming from you. I shall wait for a few days and if I don't hear from Gary, will send you the address.

Regards from all,
we saw Tom all last night,

*affectionately
R. Day*

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October 26, 1939.

Miss Emma Goldman
295 Vaughan Road
Toronto, Ontario
Canada

Dear Miss Goldman:

Roger is away from the city on a tour to the coast and will not return until the end of November. I'm sure this would be too late for the article for the New Republic and Nation which you refer to. But I shall be glad to do what I can to obtain either editorial comment or a brief article on the Canadian situation, if this meets with your approval. If you want only editorial comment, I think the statement you enclosed would suffice. If you would rather have a fuller article, I would suggest you have it prepared, for it is difficult to find someone who has the time to give to that here.

Sincerely yours,

LBM:DG

Secretary.

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CANADIAN ADMINISTRATION

314 BAY STREET, PORT ARTHUR, ONT.

October, 26, 1939.

Emma Goldman,
295 Vaughan Road,
Toronto, Ont.,

Fellow Worker;-

Your letter of the 24th, inst., to hand, and will answer immediately to the best of my ability all questions asked.

In the building where we of the I.W.W. occupy space there are two halls, one a large auditorium with small balcony, seating I should judge approximately five hundred people with ease, this hall has a stage, etc., and is in every way a first class hall, the other one is in connection with our office, seating approximately two hundred and fifty or thereabouts. The first named is under control of what is known as far as I can ascertain as the "Finnish Building Society, as of course is the one next to our office, and which we use for a reading room, the large one is rented out at a certain rental per night when occasion arises for its rental, the one we occupy can be had free, that is as far as myself is concerned, and I believe I speak for the members more or less on that score, but there is the hitch as to nights that either of these halls are available, on Monday and Thursday evenings they hold dances in the auditorium, and of course those two nights are out, the other nights are more or less free for choice as one may like.

However, as the halls in question are in the Finnish section of town, I cannot just say how they would be in reaching what we might for want of a better term call the "masses", but from what I can learn during my short sojourn here the dances are well patronized by all types irrespective of race. So there perhaps would be little difference in the attendance should you decide to stop off here for a lecture, altho this is somewhat removed from the main thoroughfare.

As to Vancouver being better acquainted there, having resided there more than any place else since coming to Canada from across the line, I can give you the address of our local there, and from them you may be able to get some contacts, if you care to address, S.H. Dixon, Box 837, Vancouver, B.C. he will be able to get into touch with others there who will I am sure be more than willing to assist, also Luis Battaglia can be reached at the same address, he is one of our Italian Fellow Workers, perhaps not unknown to some of your comrades in Toronto. In Calgary should you care to try for a contact I will give you the address of another of our members who knows Calgary well, his name is A.F. Harbaugh, 416-7th, Ave. East, Calgary, Alta., we have a large hall in Winnipeg which I am sure you could have very reasonable at 592 Main Street, perhaps that is where your comrades are arranging for your meeting.?

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At Sudbury, Ontario we have a contact with one member by name Robert Eloranta, 38, Kathleen Street, of course I know nothing of Sudbury or what accommodations could be had there, Nickle being king there it might be hard to secure a hall, as the International Nickle more or less controls that city as far as I can ascertain.

I will talk the matter over with some of our members altho most members at present are out of the city working in the camps and other industries in the surrounding territory, and this to a great extent holds true of Vancouver, most of our members there being loggers, but Fellow Workers Dixon and Battaglia can always be contacted as they remain in the city at all times. I will drop a line to them about this matter. We have no hall suitable there for a meeting, and there are halls there ranging in price from \$.75.00 nightly to \$.35.00. this one is known as the Moose hall or auditorium, seating capacity is approximately 1200, the others range from two hundred and fifty to six hundred or more. You should have no difficulty in obtaining a large audience in Vancouver should you decide to go there, for it is the stronghold of many sided peoples, with varied viewpoints on the social system as it is today, and as they would it should be.

We have been promised ten dollars from the Winnipeg branch for the defense of the Fellow Workers arrested in Toronto, we here have three dollars on our list for same, so when they get round to sending the ten dollars which I trust will not be long, we here will forward same together with whatever we may have on our list, I wrote an article in our paper on this along with other matters of organizational interest at the moment I heard from you folk down there, as well as notifying our general Administration in Chicago as to the charge, and the statue under which the workers are charged, together with a copy of the statue under which they are charged which I sent them.

I have sent out several appeals on behalf of these workers to members and branches, so far I have not had any response to same, also I have placed a notation in our monthly bulletin concerning this case, this bulletin reaches most of our membership which at present in Canada is numerically small. However, let us sincerely trust they will respond to the best of their ability, for as you say the loss of this case for the working-class will affect many more of us, and that before long if they see they can get away with placing workers away for years in prison due to lack of backing on the part of their fellow workers, they will not be adverse at trying to lock more of us up for our ideas, and the I.W.W. has at all times since its inception been the champion of the cause of the working-class where workers were arrested for working-class activities or "framed" by the state for their own benefit.

Trusting that the four fellow workers may be on the outside shortly, and that you will be able to continue on your tour of lecturing on the struggles of the international Proletariat, and that the workers who hear you may gain inspiration both mentally and morally to carry on the struggle for their final emancipation from capitalist slavery,

With very best wishes,

I am, Yours for freedom.

James Heney
Sicily Innes

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224 St. Joseph Blvd. E.,
Montreal, Que.

October 27th, 1939.

Miss Emma Goldman,
295 Vaughan Road,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Emma:

Rose Bernstein showed me the enclosed letter and from all appearances it seems that the letter was intended for Rose Pesotta and I presume that you had another letter for Rose Bernstein. She therefore asked me to send this to you.

I would also like to know what has happened to the arrested Italian comrades. Of course you realize that we have no Italian comrades in Montreal.

I hope you will write to Rose Bernstein and explain to her whatever you wish her to do.

Yours,

Bernard Shane

Regards from Emma & the Bernsteins

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TELEPHONE MELBOURNE 1111



Emma Goldman

211 VAUGHAN ROAD

TORONTO
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Oct. 28, 1939.

DEAR COMRADE:

Your letter of the 26th reached me this morning. After very careful consideration I came to the conclusion I couldn't possibly be in Winnipeg for the 12th of November. First, the trial has again been postponed and may take all of November before we can hope to be through with it. Secondly, if I should be with you the 12th I would have to rush right back as I am in charge of the defence and I could not leave it for more than a week. In as much as it is my intention to contact people further west of Winnipeg, if possible coming for just a week or ten days would destroy that chance. It might also injure the situation here. For this reason I have decided to ask you to please postpone my visit for a month. Say, the first of December. I mean I would come a few days before but you could have your first meeting the 1st of Dec. which is a Friday or the 3rd which is a Sunday. That would give you more to sell tickets and arrange one or two English meetings for Sundays. I have just wired you to this effect.

Dear Comrade, I am terribly sorry if this in any way causes you disappointment and trouble. I take it that you have secured the Labor Lyceum for the Jewish meetings and you will easily be able to change the dates there and also I take it you have booked nothing definite for the 19th of Nov. for the English meeting. I hope so anyway. I am sure that by the postponement we will gain all around. I shall not be rushed when I come and it will give me a chance to cover Winnipeg much better than if I had made a flying visit to your city. And I will feel at greater ease once the cases have been settled one way or another. I hope you agree and will forgive me for whatever inconvenience I have caused you. I see by the Freie Arbeiter Stimme list of subscribers in your city that there are quite a few. I hope you will get at them with the sale of tickets.

Dear comrade, the cases of our imprisoned Italian friends are very grave. While the authorities have so far been unable to comply with the request of our attorney for specific proofs of the charges, it is certain that the Crown will do its utmost to send the friends up for considerable time. The only way we can hope to save them is by energetic and competent defence. We are fortunate in having an attorney of keen legal mind, of understanding of the issues involved in the arrest, and a fighter. But we are desperately in need of funds. The Jewish and Italian comrades are doing their best in this city and we are receiving response from a number of cities in the United States. But we are far from secured in the large expense involved in the legal battle. Will you be good enough to help us. To try your best on the enclosed subscription list to try and raise some money and send what you can as soon as possible. Added to the statement which I sent you in my last letter is the enclosed additional report of the proceedings of last Thursday. Perhaps you will give both to friend Simkin and tell him for me to have something in the paper about these cases. Point out please that it is only a

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Remember me to

Emma

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TELEPHONE MELROSE 2221

Emma Goldman

235 VAUGHAN ROAD

TORONTO
ONTARIO

October 28, 1939.

Miss L. B. Milner,
Sec'y American Civil Liberties Union,
31 Union Square West,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Miss Milner:

Thanks very much for your letter of the 26th instant. It was very good of you to write me in the absence of Roger, as I would have wondered why I do not hear from him. Yes, indeed, I want very much for you to do the article for the New Republic. The current issue of the Nation already contains an article pointing out the danger to civil liberties in Canada in the recent law under which my friends have been arrested and are still in jail. I am enclosing an additional statement recording the proceedings in Court last Thursday. You will see that the Crown again came in with empty hands, simply ignoring the request of our attorney for specific data ~~on~~ when the printing and distribution of subversive literature might have taken place. However, the Magistrate ordered the Crown to prepare this material by Monday, but our attorney will not be able to prepare his case for Thursday's trial so there will probably be another postponement.

\$10,000.00 for
The bail formerly set for two of the defendants has been reduced to \$5,000.00, but even that we have been unable to raise so far. Canada being at war has frightened Italians, Jews and other nationales. No one wants to go bail. However, that is not the important side. What is most disturbing is that the Crown has evidently concentrated on the charge of Mr. Arthur Bartollotti. The Court will try hard to get him. If that should fail they will go after the immigration authorities, because though the man lived in Canada for twenty years he has taken out no naturalization papers. The most difficult situation to meet is complete lack of public spirited people who are willing to express themselves on the farce of the law and on its abrogation of all civil rights and liberties. *Lillian* Even the pseudo-Toronto Star has so far kept a conspiracy of silence. You know, yourself, what publicity means in such cases. It is for this reason I am glad you will try to get the matter into the papers in the United States, as that will help some anyway. Let me know if there is anything else you will need for the article.

Sincerely yours,

Emma Goldman

*Don't be sure of
the arrested men
to will be kept
not to mention
my name in the
article. He never
to the newspaper and
through what hearing*

my attitude to speak

*Don't put up a mere
word. I do not want
to be a mere
word.*

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Bernstein

October 28, 1939

Dear Rose:

A letter from Shane which just reached me repeats the unfortunate blunder I made in sending my letter to you to Rose Pesotta and mine to her to you. She had written me about it a couple weeks ago, but I took it for granted that you would understand and you would proceed to do something for our arrested Italian comrades in this city. I explained it in my letter to Rose P. very clearly. I am sorry you waited so long without writing me to clear up my blunder and that so much time was lost without you doing something for our friends.

Shane writes that there are no Italian comrades in Montreal. What difference does that make when people are in danger of losing their freedom for a number of years. Surely, the Jewish comrades, or those who pretend to be such ought to feel the need of helping. This, because the law which has arrested our friends, raided their house and is anxious to send them up to prison for a number of years was not made specially for Italians, but for everybody, gentiles and Jews alike and all nationals living in Canada. The more urgent the need of making a fight to save our friends! I cannot impress upon your mind and that of the others including Shane that the law abrogates all civil rights and liberties. The Italians were grabbed first five days after the law was passed only because it was believed that they are friendless and without means to offer up adequate defence. Once the Crown succeeds with them it will have set a precedent and anyone else might be grabbed after that. It is for this reason that I cannot urge you enough to get busy and raise as much money as you possibly can without loss of time. I am enclosing two statements which I want you to show Shane and anyone else you want. They give you a clear picture of the preposterousness of the law.

Aside of the intent to dispose of the arrested men there seems to be a particular intention to strike Arthur Bartollotti. You see, he is the most outstanding, the most intelligent among the boys, and one who has carried on relentless anti-fascist work. The fascists have had it in for him for quite some time and when they saw their chance they helped to frame him. Anyway, the situation is grave and material desperately needed. I enclose a list. Please, my dear, set out without delay and get as much money you can. As I told you, I had intended to send you a list for our martyred Spanish refugees, but I have to let this go for the present. The Italian cases needing immediate attention.

Give my affectionate greetings to Meyer, Gustaf and the boys. Also Bernard and Emma and all our mutual friends. Hoping to hear from you soon. With love,

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Dear Samuel: [Freedman] 11-11-39

Yes Sylvia brought me your letter and your enclosures as well as \$12.00 from Vanguard for the defence here. What you tell me about the people who contributed for my 70th Anniversary has surprised me beyond words. Not that these people have contributed but you waited six months to send me at least their names so that I might acknowledge their contributions. Frankly, my dear, as important as the Anniversary of the F. A. S. was did not justify your neglect. But it is no use talking about spilt milk. There is one thing certain I would never neglect you like that no matter what the cause might be. I would like to write these friends now, but will have to wait until I have received the contributions, as I cannot acknowledge something I did not get. I hope you will not wait another six months before the money will be sent.

Sylvia has evidently forgotten to take the address you intended me to have. So will you send it? This time I must send the letter in the ordinary way. Besides, there is nothing to worry about. The authorities know who E. G. Colton is and until now it is not a crime to manage the defence of people under arrest. So it is quite all right to send this to the F. A. S. By the way, you must have received my letter which was mailed from Detroit containing the statement of the cases. In fact, two letters, one which I addressed to the editor and another to impress upon your mind that material support is urgently needed to fight the cases. Naturally, I had hoped that the current issue of the F. A. S. would contain something about the cases and also an appeal. I suppose Mark is resting up from his heavy labors from the Anniversary number and he is now taking a rest. But I take it that there is someone in the office who can translate my letter and make the appeal.

Dear Samuel, you and the other friends in the office do not seem to realize the gravity of the cases here. Not so much those applying to two of our Italian comrades, but certainly to Arthur Bartolotti. There seems to be a determination on the part of the authorities to dispose of him, if not by means of the so-called subversive literature which he is supposed to have printed and distributed, it will be through the channel of the immigration authorities. You see, though he is living here twenty years he is not naturalized. He has been intensively active against fascism thereby rousing the hatred of the gang. We are sure that the fascists are back of the arrest and they will do what they can, even if indirectly, to injure our friend. I do not have to tell you what that would mean for him. We simply must not permit such a thing. And it is for this reason that I again ask the F. A. S. to write about the cases and make a strong appeal for financial aid. Be sure to send whatever material response will come without delay by money order or cheque to Mrs. E. G. Colton. Surely, the fact that the arrested men are Italians should not deter the readers

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It is all right about the long list you sent me. Actually I did not need it with exception of the far western cities. In this too, you have been lax. I might have had a tour organized by this time had you taken the trouble to get somebody to copy the names. Don't worry about the names. It's all right.

I have a terrible lot to do in connection with the defence. True, I have great help from our dear, Millie Desser. But she can only give me a few hours during the week and to-day I had an awful lot of letters which she is typing. It is for this reason that I cannot send a separate appeal to the Secretary of the Federation. Please show him this letter. If he can issue an appeal for our defence fund, it would be very helpful. But whatever is to be done, must be done without a moment's delay.

Fraternel greetings to all friends. In the name of the Lord.

The first thing I noticed when I stepped out of the car was the cold, crisp air. It felt like a blanket, wrapping around me and filling my lungs. I took a deep breath, savoring the scent of pine and the distant hum of traffic. The city was still in its early morning slumber, the streets lined with cars parked neatly along the curb. I walked towards the entrance of the building, my footsteps echoing on the pavement. The door was slightly ajar, and I pushed it open, stepping into a dimly lit hallway. The air was stale, and I could see my reflection in the polished floor. I walked further down the hall, the light growing brighter as I approached the open door at the end. The room was large and airy, with high ceilings and large windows that looked out onto a vast, open landscape. The sun was shining brightly, casting long shadows across the floor. I walked towards the window, my hand resting on the sill. The view was breathtaking, a mix of natural beauty and human-made structures. I stood there for a moment, lost in thought, before turning back towards the door. The hallway was empty, and I closed the door behind me, locking it. I took a deep breath, feeling a sense of peace and tranquility. The world outside was still there, but for now, it was just a blur in the background. I was here, in this room, and that was all that mattered.

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October 28th. 1939.

Dear E.G.

Many thanks for the news you sent about our friends, for whose welfare we shall do all we can. Of course it would be silly for us to pledge ourselves to send all the money that is required; but we know our friends and we are quite sure they will contribute generously to the defense.

According to information I have received, the telephone call that was puzzling you was made by or ~~on~~ behalf of our Spanish friends. This is all I was able to find out.

At long last news from Vero have come: he is at home, working, as ever willing to do. It's quite a relief, as we also were wondering what had become of him.

I hope you will continue to keep us informed about the proceedings against our mutual friends. If their lawyer is as good and interested in their case as you say, they will need him- and you are to be congratulated for having found him out.

Have you received any news from Rochester?

Of course you are the only judge of your conduct. I thank you for what you have done already as well as for what you will do in the future.

Very truly Yours.

Nick Di Domenico

Nick Di Domenico

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Emma Goldman

1005 VANDERBILT ROAD

TORONTO Oct 29th 39
ONTARIO

Dear Comrade. Friday I was about to send you a night letter but decided to wait until yesterday in case I would hear from you. Well I finally did get your letter. I must say it was very disappointing to learn that it took so long to arrange two Jewish meetings and not a single English one. Do you think it is worth while to spend nearly hundred dollars return trip by train, not by plane, for only two Jewish lectures? I ask because I am head over heels in the defense of four Italian comrades who have six charges each against them under the new war ruling which makes it a criminal offense to have any kind of literature critical of the state and of government. I am in charge of their cases. I engaged the attorney and I have to appeal to our comrades in the States to raise money for their defense to save them from a heavy sentence. I am telling you this because I want you to know how important it is for me to remain here until after the trial of our comrades.

Now do not get away from the idea that I do not want to keep my promise to come to Winnipeg. It is only that I am worried it is too high an expense for just two or three ~~two~~ Jewish meetings. It is so important to reach a Gentile audience about the Stalin Hitler Pact. It seems too bad that you could accomplish nothing in that line. Can it possibly be that in all of Winnipeg there is only two hall at such a high rental? I remember years ago I lectured on the drama in a hall that seated about five hundred and cost only very little. Naturally, if you have gone to any initial expenses and have begun to sell tickets for the Jewish meetings I will come though I will not be able to remain as long as I originally hoped to do. Unless the trial of our friends is over I shall have to rush back to Toronto.

Please dear comrade do not delay so long in replying to this letter by air mail. Tell me frankly how far you have proceeded with your arrangements of the Jewish meetings, whether tickets have already been sold, whether you think it worth while to spend so much traveling expenses which will of course have to be covered from the meetings. Finally ~~try~~ try once more to find a hall for several English lectures even if it should only seat three four hundred. Naturally I will stand by my engagements you have made for me. I never disappoint my comrades or anyone to whom I have promised to speak. But you and I ought to be clear on the expenses and even more so the need of utilizing my visit in Winnipeg after so many years for English propaganda. Especially on the exposure of the frightful betrayal of the world proletariat by Stalin. Please hurry with the reply to all my questions.

Fraternally

EG

Please give the inclosed letter to Simkin.

Mr. B. B. Altman

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100 VAUGHAN, 100
TORONTO, Oct. 30th 39
CROMPOND

Dear Eva Brandes, I am not sure that you remember me, but I certainly have a vivid recollection of you as a little tot and of your sister. Anyhow here is renewing our old friendship.

I am writing you in behalf of our arrested Italian comrades as Milly had notified me she had left the subscription list with you which I had sent her. Milly also notified me that she had called up comrade Joe Radiman (I can't make out Milly's spelling of the name) and that she had asked him to help you. Will you do that for me. I am simply swamped with correspondence to numerous comrades and friends in the States to help me rescue our fine Italians from the clutches of the law. It is for this reason that I cannot write to comrade R. separately. But please beg him for me to help with the list. Financial help is desperately and quickly needed. The cases are grave and it will cost an awful lot of money to cover the expenses of counsel and extras.

I inclose two statements which will show you that the prosecution has already made six charges against each of the three men out of one. In addition we are up against the fact that Arthur Bertolotti is an alien although he has lived in Canada 20 years. By the way, he is the finest type of comrades in this city, most intelligent, ardent and a tireless worker. If for no other reason we here are very much concerned in his case because the prosecution is so determined to get rid of him. Anyhow we need immediate help. Please do your best. The McHegan has a good reputation for raising money for all sorts of purposes. The Italian cases here are of immediate importance and should be helped. So do what you can.

Please let me hear from you right away. Give my love to your mother and dad. How are they both. Tell them I have never forgotten them. Remember me affectionately to your sister. Kind greetings to all the comrades and friends in Crompond.

With love.

Emma Goldman

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Eva Brandes

This will interest you & your people. 28

Excerpt from a letter

About Isaac Don Levine, I know he means for the best. But I am really indignant that he should suggest the idea that I should go before the Dies Commission. If I could never again be able to see the United States and even if my life depended on it, I would not go and say that meaningless consideration that has no interest whatever in freedom of anything. It is only too obvious that Dies is attacking the Communist for his own personal enmeshment and that he represents the most reactionary and blackest elements in the U. S. But much as I loathe Dies and his commission, I loathe the reactionary communist more. There has been in the Party, who have for years thrown mud on all of us who have disclosed the actual state of affairs in Russia and Stalin's activities in Spain, these miserable informers now compete with one another to accuse their associates of all people, to the Dies Commission.

Nothing on earth would induce me to become one of them. And, this, not because I gave a damn for the attacks that would follow were I to join the band. You know, yourself, that I do not mind that. It is my own self-respect and my own integrity which never permit me to lay my entry into the U. S. by helping Dr. Dies.

True, I have nothing but contempt for the American Communist and my stand on Russia in to-day there it has been from the very beginning. If anything, the recent events, as represented by the Stalin-Hitler pact, have merely vindicated everyone of us who predicted long ago the cynical treachery that Stalin was capable of. My three visits to Spain have proven to me that there is no difference whatsoever between Stalin and Hitler. If anything, I came to the conclusion at the time that Hitler is less hypocritical. He has openly admitted his part in working into the hands of Franco. Not so Stalin and his satellites. They have shrank from the accusations that they are interested in Democracy and peace. They have made the majority of idiotic liberals believe that Stalin is opposed to fascism and that he is helping to slay the dragon. In reality he only tried by the most audacious methods to place his iron heel on the neck of the Spanish people; and when they would have none of him he worked into the hands of Franco and crushed the most magnificent constructive uprising ever known in history. So my stand on Russia has not changed. It has been strengthened a thousandfold. I have and I mean to continue to tear the mask from the hideous face of Stalin and to show up the unmanly cowardice, the dishonesty and the treachery of the communists. But that will have to be on my own independent platform, as before groups of people who are really libertarian. Never shall it be before the Dies Commission. You may tell that to Dies, if you see him again.

Sincerely,

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Emma Goldman

295 VAUGHAN ROAD

TORONTO Pct 30th 39

ONTARIO

Dear Minna. Seeing that you lack interest even to the extent of answering my letters it is hardly worth while to write you again. But I am impelled to do it because it concerns four of our Italian comrades who have been arrested a month ago, their premises raided and their entire literature confiscated and who have since been held without bail. You have met Arthur in my house, he is one of them among the finest, most intelligent and most devoted Italian comrades I have met. You will see by the inclosed statements that they were nabbed under the new war law. You will see how stretchable the law is. Already the prosecution has made six charges out of one against each of the three men. Well, if the prosecution should succeed our men might be sent up for a number of years. Worse yet A. although living here 20 years has no citizen papers and you know without my telling you what would happen to him if the authorities should succeed in carrying out their cherished wish to get rid of A.

As there was no one to take charge of the cases and to secure counsel the whole brunt fell on me. I have since kept at my machine writing everybody I could think of, begging to help with the defense fund. It will cost at least \$2000 to bring the battle to some end. So far the response has been only about \$540 or so.

*for the
international*

Dear Minna never mind my Spanish Testimonial scheme. I realize now there is no interest in it even among my comrades in America. I have learned that one cannot hope to save the whole world. But the Italian cases are close at hand. They are valuable people who have given their all of their energy and hard earning. Will you not and a few others in America come to their help? I inclose a subscription list. Please please find time to see people and get them to subscribe. I have written the Freie Arb. Stimme and have sent material asking them to put in the paper and make an appeal. There was nothing in last issue. I have written Freedman again Saturday. Perhaps he will bring something this week. I am simply disgusted with the narrow nationalism of our Jewish comrades. If the boys were Jews I suppose they would help to the best of their ability. But because the arrested men are Italians they are callous and indifferent. I cannot understand such attitude from comrades to comrades. I only hope you have not become that way. Please dear Minna do get busy and see if you cannot raise some money for the defense. Send it to me under E.G.C. in check of money order. Be your old active self again and get busy quickly.

Affectionately

Emma

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1360 Ocean Avenue
Brooklyn, N.Y. 6-C

October 30, 1939

Dear Comrade Emma:

Thanks for the letter and information you sent. I only wish we were in a position to do more in the way of sending you financial assistance for the defense of our friends. Did you receive the \$12.00 I sent by money order? We have already gotten in touch with all the groups here. Possibly the Jewish Federation can do a bit better than they have done until now. I'll speak to them again this week. Might I suggest that you get in touch with the G.D.C., 2422 No. Halsted St., Chicago, Ill. They probably have a fund.

Outside of our own people it is hard to get any money unless we start a publicity campaign. This might possibly get some results, but we are holding up all publicity until we hear from you precisely what sort of information we can release. My impression is that some interest might be aroused on the part of the liberal public if the facts were presented properly. To illustrate, I am enclosing a clipping from the latest issue of The Nation, Oct. 28, 1939. I am sure you'll be interested in reading it.

By the way, have you had a chance to send off the manuscript you were telling me about? If it is ready we'd be happy to have it.

We are having a rather tough time here ourselves, financially speaking. We are giving up our hall because we are unable to pay the rent, and the magazine is being held up for lack of a mere fifty dollars.

We are trying to get one of our American friends to visit Canada and possibly lend a hand, but I'm not sure that he'll be able to get away from his job. In the meantime please let us know the outcome of the last hearings. Remember us to all our friends in Toronto. Clara, Audrey and the rest of us send you our warmest affection.

Yours,

Sidney Solomon

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(cc)

October 31, 1939.

Mr. Luis Battaglia,
P. O. Box 637,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Fellow-Worker:

I am writing you at the suggestion of the Fellow-Worker James Henley. He also suggested that I should write to fellow-worker S. H. Dixon. Which I have just done. I have asked the latter to read you my letter in order to save time and repetition. I want very much to come to Vancouver, if you and fellow-worker Dixon would be willing to help on the preliminary arrangements of several English meetings for me.

However, I want to write to you about something else. Something which concerns three Italian fellow-workers who were arrested here four weeks ago to-morrow, their premises raided and all their literature carted off by Mounted Police. I am enclosing a record of the proceedings the 26th of this month which was the third time when our fellow-workers were brought into Court. They were arrested under the new war law which considers it a criminal offence to print and distribute "subversive" literature that is supposed to interfere with His Majesty's forces. Actually, the Prosecution has made six charges of one against each of our fellow-workers and if the Court should succeed it will mean quite a number of years of prison. The name of one of the fellow-workers is, no doubt, familiar to you. It is Arthur Bertolotti who ~~was~~ is an ardent anti-fascist and has been active against Fascism ever since it raised its sinister head. He is also a militant fellow-worker, deeply devoted to the industrial struggle. You may know his name through the Italian paper published in New York.

In as much as the cases are very serious we have organized the defence which will leave nothing undone to prove the innocence of our Italian fellow-workers. For that a fighting fund is needed. and it occurred to me that you might be willing and able to help. I am, therefore, a copy of a subscription list which you might circulate among the fellow-workers in Vancouver.

Please let me hear from you soon, whether we can count on your co-operation to help save our arrested comrades. And also whether you would help in organizing some English meetings for me. You will see by my letter to fellow-worker Dixon that I have written to several Jewish fellow-workers perhaps you will see them and find out what they intend to do. Yours for the emancipation of the working class. Hoping to hear from you soon.

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J. HENNEY

(cc)

October 31, 1939.

Mr. James Henley, Sec'y-Treas.,
Industrial Workers of the World,
314 Bay St.,
Port Arthur, Ont.

Fellow Worker:

Thanks for your letter of the 26th instant. I have been so busy and rushed with the cases of our Italian friends I was unable to answer your letter sooner. This is also the reason why I had to postpone my visit to Winnipeg for a month. I found it was impossible to get away. Even if I had done so, I would have had to rush right back as there is no one here who can keep after the friends in the United States and this country to help raise the necessary funds to help save our fellow workers. I, therefore, felt it would be a waste of money to make the trip, deliver the two Jewish lectures and come right back. By going early in December I hope I will be able to remain long enough in Western Canada to cover a few cities. I am, therefore, very glad indeed that you kindly sent me names and addresses of fellow-workers in Vancouver, Calgary as well as in Winnipeg.

I am writing the fellow-workers to-day. I will ask them to get in touch with several Jewish names and addresses sent me by the Jewish Anarchist Weekly in New York. I have no idea whether these people are comrades, but they certainly must be in sympathy with the ideas the Jewish paper represents, or they would not subscribe for it. Last week I wrote to three in Vancouver and to an advanced Jewish Workmen's School in Calgary. Perhaps, something will come of it. I will keep you posted. As regards Port Arthur, I will do as I already promised in my last letter. I will get in touch with you when I reach Winnipeg and know exactly how far west I can get and the time of my return trip to Toronto. I will notify immediately so you can proceed with the arrangements of several lectures. The Finnish Hall seems all right, except for the danger that it may not attract others than foreign elements. Of course, I went to reach them, but it is of utmost importance that I should be able to reach the natives. If you can spare the time perhaps you will look about for other halls centrally located. Please find out their seating capacity and their price. We will then decide.

As to Sudbury, I am afraid it will be impossible to carry through a meeting. Since you say yourself that it might be difficult to get a hall. Nevertheless, I will write to fellow-worker Robert Eloranta and find out what can be done. It is rather difficult to break ground in a city when one has no organization or group to back them. But as I say, we will try later on.

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Thank you for sending out the appeals for our arrested Italian fellow-workers. Material aid is urgently needed. From every point considered the fight to save our friends will involve large expenditures which have to be raised largely in the United States. Some money has already come in, but very much more is needed. However, I received a letter to-day from the fellow-workers of the Italian paper promising all the help they will possibly be able to give.

I will write you again after Thursday, when there is to be another hearing of the cases. This time I think our attorney will have to ask for a remand, because he received the particulars from the Crown only a few days ago and he needs time to prepare his defence. The "particulars" really consist of books, papers and pamphlets mostly published before the last war, and even those of recent years have absolutely no bearing on the absurd law under which our comrades were arrested. For today I am enclosing a copy of the second statement of the hearing of Oct. 26th. You may be able to make use of it.

Again thanking you for your co-operation and solidarity,
Yours for freedom,

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JEANNE [LEVEY] COPY

Oct. 31st 39

Dearest Jeanne.

I am so worried and distressed over the fate of our Italian friends I cannot get away from their cases for a moment. It was sheer insanity for me to take such a load on my shoulders as their defense, the raising of the defense fund and all that is connected with their situation. True, the comrades at first responded quickly. New York, Chicago, Detroit, Windsor and this city raised \$550. But the last week everything came to a stand still. Yet the attorney alone is to get \$1500 and there are other expenses. I am nearly beside myself with anxiety.

You say, Kate Picconi sent money, yes she sent \$17. Now there certainly must be more Italians in Chicago than here. Yet our comrades in this city already raised \$200. I must say I consider the amount raised by Kate a ridiculous sum. After all our men here in jail are Italians, the least their Italian comrades in America can do is to help them to an adequate defense. Its rotten enough of the Jewish Anarchists that they are so nationalistic and concerned only in their own. In this city the so-called A. men of means contributed exactly \$42. Its worse than having teeth pulled to get a dollar from them. I tried and tried to get several of them to go \$2500 each for the two arrested men. Sinkin, Desser and an Italian refused. They have all become panic stricken afraid of their hide. So far not one penny came in from any of the Jewish comrades in any city though I have written and begged for contributions. I sent the Freie Arb. Stimme all data on the cases and begged M. and Freedman to write about the arrests and make an appeal. Nothing so far. It is simply heart breaking to have to beg people who call themselves comrades for help help save the men from years of imprisonment. Besides, it does not help they have become as hard as steel and callous.

Dear Jeanne I hate to load you. I know you are doing a lot. But the situation is grave and I must ask you again to impress on our friends in Chicago to issue an emergency call. I must have another \$1500 to fight for the freedom of our three men. Arthur Bertallotti has given his best years in the movement. He is in trouble because of his devotion. Surely he deserves to be helped. I don't know to whom to turn so it must be you, our very ablest worker. Do what you can and do it at once.

I hope you succeeded in getting up something for Rudolf. That is another tragedy that such a man should have to be so harassed materially. I cannot think what will become of him and Willy if their tour should turn out a failure. They depend on that to pull them through for a time. It is all so sad and so painful.

I gave you twenty copies of the six which the California comrades sent me as a gift. ~~Examine~~ You must also have received the following shipment of MY DISILLUSIONMENT, you took 12 copies.

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From Detroit you should have gotten 22. From Ruth from Rochester 12, from Rose Pesotta 10, and from someone in Windsor 9 copies. In all sixty five, unless you took more than 12. I do not remember. It would be fine if you could sell them and the six. My expences are terribly high. I need not tell you that I do not spend money on luxuries. But the city for help never lets up. And I fairly choke if I cannot respond. It will therefore be of great help if you can sell my book and the Six. But first get busy for the defense here. That is of the greatest importance.

Dear you did not write me about the spreads except that I should give Becky a set. Well, I gave her the three. It is of no importance for me and she has many beds to cover. It is alright.

I had another suggestion about my getting into the States via the Dies Commission. I inclose copy of my answer. Don Levine gives me a pain. He was going to help bring me back. So did your friend Lyons. They have done nothing. But Don is ready for me to be dragged into the mud of that awful man Dies. The very thought gives ~~me~~ makes me sick to my stomach.

I have postponed my visit to Winnipeg for a month. I cannot leave our boys since there is absolutely no one here to raise a finger for them. Yes, Dorothy would go the limit. But she may herself be in trouble. They were already at my place to question her. Anyhow I felt I could not leave at this time. Then too the comrades in W. had arranged only two Jewish meetings. It would be crazy to spend about 80 return trip for two meetings. In postponing it I may be able to make contact other cities. I have finally gotten several names of I.W.O. boys willing to help in Calgary and Vancouver. Anyhow in Dec I will not have to rush back so quickly, I hope so anyway. Perhaps I can realize a tour after so much effort.

Dearest Jeanne I feel desperate to day so you must not mind if my letter seems hard. I never want to be that with those I love. And I do love you my dearest.

Give Jay my best.

Affectionately.

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TELEPHONE 521-1111



Emma Goldman

256 VAUGHAN ROAD

TORONTO
ONTARIO

October 31, 1939.

Dear Comrade Silverstein:

I suppose you have received my wire and also my letter. Since writing you I got a letter from the secretary of the I. W. W. in Port Arthur, evidently strongly in sympathy with our ideas and with the fight we are making here to rescue our Italian comrades from the clutches of the law. He has sent me names and addresses in Vancouver and Calgary of I. W. W.'s who he thinks will be willing to arrange meetings for me in their cities. He also writes that the I. W. W. Hall in Winnipeg is a large hall. I am, therefore, wondering why you did not take this hall for a few English meetings. Is it that 592 Main St. is not a central place? Or that you think the general native public would not come to the I. W. W. hall? I am very interested to know the reason. Please write me without delay.

I am looking forward to hearing from you about the meetings the first week in December, if you can conveniently transfer the dates from next week to that time. I hated to disappoint you and the other comrades, as well as those who had already bought tickets. I can say without exaggeration that during my fifty years activities in the Anarchist ranks such a thing happened very rarely. I assure you that nothing else except the importance of the cases here would have induced me to make the change. But it is simply impossible to drop the defence of our Italian friends and rush off. I would have had to rush back within a week or ten days. In as much as I am still clinging to the hope that I may succeed in covering other cities in Western Canada as far as Vancouver, it would have been folly to make the dash, spend a lot of money for travelling expenses only to dash back again. I hope you will agree.

Dear comrade, I cannot impress upon your mind the urgency of material help to the struggle for the liberation of our Italian comrades. I, therefore, hope that you will lose no time in trying to raise some money on the subscription lists I sent you. Bear in mind that if our friends should be convicted under the law no one in Canada will be safe. In other words abrogates all civil liberties and it should be the concern of everyone to help defeat the preposterous ruling which makes it a crime even to attempt to commit an act. Hoping you will do your best and let me hear from you as quickly as possible, with kindest greetings,

Fraternally,

EG

Please greet all the comrades for me.

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Dearest Milly. I received your last lines from Detroit. I am not sure this will reach ~~in~~ you in Chicago as Jeanne writes me you will remain only a few days. Well, if ~~dot~~ Yelensky will surely forward it to Calif. I suppose that is your next stop.

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I feel as deeply as you do about our Spanish comrades, but the Italein cases here are of immedate danger. Thats why we must raise a fighting fund for them. After all this will not be a dragged out affair as the Spanish is. We will go back to our work for the latter. In fact I have never stopped it. Along with the burden of the defense I have arranged an afternoon Film Show which takes place the 8th of this month. A week from tomorrow. So I am not forgetting our martyred Spanish refugees. I only feel that we must concentrate on saving Arthur and the others. His case is the gravest as the Immigration authorities are after him. You know what that might mean.

Give my regards to Yelensky and the other comrades in Chicago or if this will follow you to New Calif greet them there. I wrote Cook about the boys here immediately after their arrest. I sent him a list but not a word in response which is rather rare for C.W. Tell him I am very disappointed. Give him and Sadie my love. *W*

Save to you as Rudy.

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Dear Comrade. I am not sure I have your correct address as it reads University City Mo, whereas I always had it as St Louis on Delmar Blvd. I would send the letter c/o Ida B. But a letter from Florence Ben sent me contains the news that Ida is laid up and that she is looking after her mother. I take this to mean that Ida is with Florence in St Louis. I also do not know whether Florence still lives at her old address on Union Blvd. Anyhow I will take a chance in sending this to your address in University City.

I have to write you to day about four arrested Italian comrades who are held without bail under a new War Law which makes it an offense to print, and distribute "subversive" literature. Not that our friends have done that. But you know the saying, "War is War". The premises of our Italian friends were raided a month ago, all their books and other literature taken away and they were charged with the above "crime". In fact the prosecution has actually made six charges out of one and the same so called offense against each one of our friends. In addition there is the claim of the Immigration authorities that one of the Italians, Arthur Betolotti is an alien. In short it is clear that the authorities are trying to get rid of our people.

Naturally we do not intend that they should be sent away for a number of years. For this reason I have taken charge of the defense since there is no one here who could do it. Actually the so called radicals have become panicky and refuse to do anything. The Jews are so nationalistic that they take no interest because the men are Italians. All they have contributed to the defense are just \$42. True, the Italians have done better. And so have the Italian in the few cities in the States whom I have appealed to. But though I have so far received about \$550 it is but one fourth of what the cases will swallow. The attorney alone is to get \$1500. It seems a large sum. But when you consider that the man has four people to defend you will realize that as lawyers go ours is not too exorbitant. I secured him because he has a keen legal mind, he is a fighter and he knows the political issue involved in the arrest and the prosecution.

I inclose copies of statements dealing with the charges. You will see how grave they are and how determined the authorities to send our friends to prison for a number of years. You will therefore also see that material help is desperately needed. I inclose a list and I implore you to get busy without delay. See if you can hunt up some of the Italian comrades and let them read this letter and statements. And see our Jewish comrades, perhaps also the Arbeiter Ring. Anyhow do your best and do it quickly. Send money in check or money order to me under E. G. Colton.

I hope you and your family are well. Give them my kindest regards also fraternal greetings to all comrades. Fraternally

E. G.

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The Freie Arbeiter Stimme,

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Dear Comrades:

Enclosed please find a copy of the court record of the trial of Comrade A. B. which took place on Monday in re the charges of the two revolvers found on the premises. You will see that our attorney has again scored a moral victory. I cannot better express the vary skilful piece of work he did at the trial than by the following quotation from a letter we received from A. B. yesterday: "Yesterday I made a superhuman effort to control my indignation at the way I was framed. Fortunately, through the brilliant ability of Cohen and the fairness of the Judge those sinister forces did not succeed to incriminate me." Comrade A. B. is not the only one who got the impression that he was framed. I had reports from a number of comrades who had attended the trial that even the judge seemed to think that there was something phony about the statements of the two police officers who testified on the stand. The best proof for it was the condition of the revolvers. They were lying around for over a year in a box of junk and looked hoary with age. In court they were shining like a mirror and they gave everybody the impression that they had just come out of a gun shop. One of the police officers stressed the fact that they had been in his possession and that nobody had access to them. No one doubted that. That is why they looked shiny and new. We all feel that it was our attorney whose keen legal mind frustrated the intentions of the police. Incidentally, both the officers represent the Red Squad. They have been trying for ever so long to get our comrades in their net. Especially A. B. whose anti-fascist activities they have tried hard to check. Well it is certain that the preposterous war measure which makes it a crime to attempt an act has been thoroughly discredited. The authorities will think twice before they will raid a house, arrest people and take away a truck load of a library. If for no other reason, we can congratulate ourselves that we have such a man as Mr. J. L. Cohen.

However, it is also important that our attorney succeeded in freeing A. B. from both charges. Now that he has a clean slate it might be easier to deal with the immigration authorities. But you know yourself that the immigration department like the mills of the gods grind slowly but surely and the only way to stop the grind is to make a fight and to leave no stone unturned in saving our comrades from being turned over to the tender mercies of Mussolini. For this we need the help of all comrades and of all liberal minded people in the United States. You may ask why only in the United States. Certainly not because we have not tried to rouse interest in the cases in Canada. Unfortunately, there is a conspiracy of silence in the daily papers and there is no public forum of any consequence through which we can reach the people of this city of this country. Sad that still is the complete absence of public spirited men and women willing to defend civil liberties against the encroachment of the Canadian authorities. For this reason I can only appeal through your paper to the comrades of the United States and to all liberty loving men and women who read your publication.

Fraternally,

Emma Goldman

Please send all contributions to the Freie Arbeiter Stimme or to me under Mrs. E. G. Colton, 295 Vaughan Rd., Toronto, Ont.

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RE: RE: RE: BARTOLLETTI, et al.

1. On or about the 1st of September, 1939, the Government of Canada brought into being a series of regulations under the authority of the War Measures Act, these regulations being known as Defence of Canada Regulations, Section 39 thereof reading as follows:

No person shall by word of mouth:-

- (a) spread reports or make statements, false or otherwise, intended or likely to cause disaffection to His Majesty or to interfere with the success of His Majesty's forces or of the forces of any allied or associated power, or to prejudice His Majesty's relations with foreign powers, or
- (b) spread reports or make statements, false or otherwise, intended or likely to prejudice the recruiting, training, discipline, or administration of any of His Majesty's forces.

2. Subsequently, on the 28th day of September, 1939, there was added to the Regulations, as Section 39a thereof, the following:-

No person shall print, circulate or distribute any book, newspaper, periodical, pamphlet, picture, paper, circular, card, letter, writing, print, publication or document of any kind containing any material, report or statement, false or otherwise,

- (a) intended or likely to cause disaffection to His Majesty or to interfere with the success of His Majesty's forces or of the forces of any allied or associated power, or to prejudice His Majesty's relations with foreign powers, or
- (b) intended or likely to prejudice the recruiting, training, discipline or administration or any of His Majesty's forces, or
- (c) which would or might be prejudicial to the safety of the State or the efficient prosecution of the war.

3. On the 4th of October the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and local Police of Toronto entered the house in which Arthur Bartolletti lived, arresting him and three others living in the same house, one of whom was later released after questioning and examination. On the following day Arthur Bartolletti, Ruggaro Benevenuti, and Ernest Gave, were charged with a breach of section (c) of Section 39(a), being the last section of the added regulation brought into existence on the previous Thursday, the 28th of September, 1939.

4. In addition to the above, Bartolletti was charged, on the strength of two old, useless guns, with being in possession of offensive weapons without a permit, according to the provisions of the Criminal Code.

5. In the meantime, immediately upon arresting Bartolletti and the others, the police raided the home and took out, at random, books, old files of newspapers, periodicals, pamphlets, etc., indiscriminately from all parts of the house, the total quantity of library material so seized amounting, in the words of the Crown Prosecutor, to a truck load.

6. The men were brought into court on the morning of the 5th of October, and remanded on the above charges, without hearing, bail or Counsel, until the following week, the 12th of October.

7. In the meantime Counsel for the accused was retained who promptly communicated with the Prosecuting Attorney insisting upon being furnished with definite particulars of the charges, particularly

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as to the printed matter, which it was alleged the respective accused had either printed or circulated or distributed and the time and place and circumstances of such distribution.

8. When the matter came up on the 12th of October, the prosecuting Attorney asked for and obtained a remand for another week, still refusing to consent to any bail, and the question of whether particulars of the charges were to be furnished was referred for argument to the following week.

9. When the charges came up on Thursday the 19th, the prosecuting authorities had, in the meantime, in the place of the single charge against each of the accused for breach of subsection (a) of Section 39(a), as above shown, substituted new and additional charges. As a result each of the accused was placed upon six charges being respectively as to each accused, a separate charge for breach of subsection (a) and for breach of subsection (b), and for breach of subsection (c) of Section 39(a), and also a separate charge for "attempt to commit the offence of" subsection (a) of Section 39(a); also, similarly, "an attempt to commit the offence" of Subsection (b) of Section 39(a), and also, similarly, "an attempt to commit the offence of" subsection (c) of Section 39(a).

10. Besides adding to the number of charges in this manner, namely, adding five new charges against each of the accused covering every possible phase of Section 39(a), or attempts to contravene Section 39(a), the new charges were also presented in joint form against the accused instead of separate charges against each accused as had been the case earlier.

11. After these new charges were presented, the men were, for the first time, permitted to plead and after a plea of "not guilty" Counsel for the defence presented his motion for particulars, adding, in the meantime, an insistence that particulars be furnished also in respect to all of the new charges and particularly as to the series of charges dealing with "attempt", that particulars be given by the prosecuting attorney of what act or acts it was alleged constituted the "attempt", and as to the offence under the Regulations.

12. In the course of the argument on particulars, the Crown Prosecutor took the positions:

- (a) that all of the printed matter seized constituted the Crown's case, whether as to printing or circulating or attempting so to do.
- (b) That the accused themselves know of this material, what it was and what it contained.
- (c) That in any event Counsel for the Defence would be permitted to examine all of this material and to take copies or extracts as he thought fit.
- (d) That so far as the charge of circulation or distribution was concerned the Prosecution could not furnish particulars because they did not have any.
- (e) That, having regard to the war time, there should be no delay in prosecuting the charges; that it would take at least a week to prepare the particulars upon which defence Counsel insisted, and that in these times these cases should be tried swiftly.

Defence Counsel replied to each of these contentions:

- (a) That the Prosecuting Attorney should be obliged to place in writing, and clearly on record, precisely the material which they alleged constituted the respective offences against each of the accused.
- (b) That the accused did not necessarily know of all the material which had been taken from the house at the time of the seizure; certainly that each accused knew

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nothing of material which might have been taken either from the room of one of the other accused, or from somebody else entirely, or whether, in fact, all of the material now held by the police was, in fact, at all at the premises in question; that, in any event, the accused were entitled to know what portions of this material was complained of and that they cannot be expected to prepare a defence against a complete library of millions of words.

- o (a) Defence Counsel declined to assume the responsibility of searching through a truck load of material for the purpose of attempting, on his own analysis, to ascertain what constituted the Crown's case, or what should be the subject of defence by the accused.
- (d) That if, in fact, the Crown did not have particulars of circulation or distribution these should not be charged against the accused, nor should they be required to defend a charge in respect to which the Crown could not furnish particulars of specific allegation.
- (e) That suggestions of speed in the trial at this stage, when particulars are requested, were ill-becoming a prosecution which had, so far, taken three weeks even to determine its charges or to take a plea from the prisoners.

14. On the question of bail, the accused Ruggiero Benevenuti and Ernest Gave were each placed on bail of \$10,000.00. Bail has so far been refused to Arthur Bartelletti on the suggestion that proceedings were being taken by the Immigration authorities against his immigration status.

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15. Following Court hearing on the 19th, Counsel for the Defence submitted in writing to the prosecuting Attorney particulars of the charges required, as follows:-

1. Specifically, as to each accused, and as to each charge against such accused, particulars of the books, writings, printed material, etc., and of the material, reports or statements alleged to be contained therein.
 - (a) intended or likely to cause disaffection to His Majesty or to interfere with the success of His Majesty's forces or of the forces of any allied or associated power, or to prejudice His Majesty's relations with foreign powers, or
 - (b) intended or likely to prejudice the recruiting, training, discipline or administration of any of His Majesty's forces, or
 - (c) which would or might be prejudicial to the safety of the State or the efficient prosecution of the war.
2. Specifically, as to each of the accused, and as to each of the charges, the books, writings, printed material, etc., which it is alleged each such accused printed, or attempted to print.
3. Specifically, as to each of the accused, and as to each of the charges, the books, writing, printed material, etc., which it is alleged each such accused circulated or distributed, or attempted to circulate or distribute.
4. Specifically, as to each of the accused, and as to each of the charges, and specifically as to such items of printed material, the dates, places, times, occasions and circumstances of such printing, circulation or distribution, or attempts at such printing, circulation or distribution so alleged.
5. Specifically, as to each of the accused, and as to each of the charges, the act or acts and the time, place, occasion and circumstance thereof, which, as to each such accused, it is alleged constitutes an "attempt" to commit the offence either of subsection (a), or of subsection (b) or of subsection (c) of Section 39(a).

16. Prior to the case being called again on Thursday afternoon the 26th of October, no particulars had been furnished, the prosecuting attorney stating, when court opened, that it had not been possible to prepare and furnish these particulars during the week. The Court then ordered

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that defence Counsel be furnished with these particulars by the prosecuting Attorney by Monday the 30th of October, and the case was adjourned for trial to Thursday the 2nd of November.

17. Counsel for the defence then moved against the charges on two technical grounds, as follows:-

- (a) That the formal informations linked more than one offence, thus prejudicing the defence of the accused, and that if the accused were to be charged both with printing and with circulating or distributing these should be respectively the subject of separate charges.
- (b) That the generality of the charge, as set out in the formal information, constituting as it did merely a reprint of the general wording of the regulation alleged to be prejudiced, was so indefinite as to fail, in law, to set out the elements of a crime; that this could not be cured, even by particulars, if furnished, and that the charges should consequently be quashed.

Authorities were cited and the motion, on these grounds, taken under advisement.

18. Counsel for defence then raised again the question of bail. Bail was again refused at all as to Bartolletti, but the amount of bail was reduced to \$5,000 in the cases of Benvenuti and Gava.

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My dear Emma

I have your letter and am looking to help
out some money together for Rudolf & Levey -
we discussed your last letter I called Ruth &
Anna & end they told me you wrote to them
and they already sent some money - now I will
try to get some more money & I will also
send the dollars -

I will be around for me in the hospital
and one for you - I wrote you that we are
better - In summer I think he is making
here for a few days and I will be a rest
or needs at least a week or two - I will certainly
be what I can - I will try to get out of his work
the best now many are going - do not remember
what time I will start out of you work
in June - just remind it & it is as I want
to be as it was when you wrote it -

The good news about Anna is news
that she will soon be back as I believe she will
soon and the doctor was very polite -

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... nothing to ... since the ...
I am interested enough to ...
... not ... again - I am afraid
of the venture ... not be profitable & ...
I have no money to risk with -

Will ask me how you are - I still
do not seem to change my mind -

Emma dear, I went to the hospital to see
Ben & he was sent home - I will go out to see
him and give him your message - He will
be ... and be inactive for a long time -

I hope you keep well and do not ...
... you are ...
... have suffered enough -

Just yours as we send you
... to you & all the dear friends

Yours with love
Jeanne

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Dear comrade Sidney.

Your letter of Oct 30th came to day, pretty good time. I confess the contents surprised me. It is ~~more than~~ nearly two weeks since I wrote Clara that the news is released and since I sent her the first statement of the hearing Oct 19th. I am not sure now whether I addressed the letter to the Freie Arb. Stimme, or to your house address. Come to think of it I also wrote you. Can it be that the letters were lost? I have so far not missed a single letter sent me. I can therefore not understand why mine to you and Clara should have gone astray. It is too bad that two weeks should have been lost on the publicity which we need badly. Well, I did not depend only on you and Clara to make known the cases of our friends and their gravity. We succeeded in interesting the party who wrote the article for the Nation. Also I wrote to Roger Baldwin to help with publicity in the New Republic and other papers. I heard from his secretary that R.B is away but that she would try to get in the material I sent her in some of the Liberal publications. I am also trying to get something in the papers in this city. But so far there has been a conspiracy of silence. Even the pseudo Liberal Toronto Star has refused to bring anything. That is just our misfortune. There is absolutely no public spirit. Everyone is afraid of his own precious person.

As an example the two Italiens arrested were admitted to bail, ten thousand dollars each. That was reduced to five thousand each. I canvassed everyone I know among our so called comrades owning property to put up 2500 each. I know that they are well able to do so. But everyone crept to cover. As to the Jewish A. taking any interest they are too nationalistic for that. Perhaps if the men were Jews they might be interested. For Italiens they contributed all told \$42. The unemployed Italiens in this city contributed two hundred. So can see what we are up against in this city.

I wrote you in one of my letters that our attorney demanded PARTICULARS of the charges from the prosecution. After a wee! delay the Crown brought forward, you will never guess what, Kropitkins MEMOIRS OF A REVOLUTIONIST, ~~A. B. C.~~ A. Berkman's A. B. C. MODERN SCIENCE AND ANARCHISM, EVOLUTION AND REVOLUTION and other such printed matter of Ante Deluvian date. They do have a few slogans and some manifestos issued here two years ago by our friends. In other words they have nothing that could be covered by the new War Ruling. But you and I know what the authorities can concoct. Mainly however Arthurs case is very serious even if he should be acquitted on the present charge. He will still be in danger of the Immigration Dept. He has lived in C. something like 20 years, but he is still an alien. You know what that would mean.

Now we would not worry at all if there was a real response to my appeal for material help. True, a few citics responded almost by return mail. But for the last two weeks not a cent has come

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in or a word of inquiry. I am nearly besides myself because I took the responsibility for the lawyers fee of \$1500 and all the other expences involved in the defense. The sum seems high but when you consider that our attourney is looking after four indictments you will realize that the fee is not exorbitant. How to raise it is the question. L'Adunato already had an appeal and will repeat it. I sent an appeal to Cultura Procltaria and to the Freie Arb.Stimme. The laater could easily have brought it in last weeks issue. There was nothing. I have written comrade Freedman again, I hope he will make good in the current issue. And I am waiting to hear from the Cultura. I did get \$50 from the SIA. I had word that it is going to have a convention, I am not sure if last week end or this. I wrote a strong appeal to the SIA comrades telling them how serious Arthurs case is. I hope they do something. In pint of fact I do nothing else but write letters from morning until night. But everything has come to a standstill as far as contributions is concerned.

Yes, I have received \$12. Its pitifully little from the English speaking comrades. As to reaching the Liberals in the States I don't see how outside of the publicity in the Nation, New Republic and a few others. Do you mean these papers would carry and appeal for funds? What does G.D.C. in Chicago stand for? You must not forget that I am new to all the abriviations of various names. Let me know by return mail and I will suggest to our comrade Jeanne Levey to approach these people.

I am sorry about the article, I have not had a free hour since the arrest of our friends four weeks to day. And I have lost all desire to write. The horrible cowardice of the rebegade Communists and their fellow travelers, their "CONFESSIONS" before that dreadful Dies Com. have filled me with such loathing I could not possibly write objectively. Moreover, it is not enough to write about Stalin and Hitlers Pact. It is necessary to go intexdeeply into the swamp of corruption brought into the world by Marxism of which Stalin is only the inheritor, the corruption in all ranks and all layers. That means an extensive piece of work far toolong for the limited space of an article. In shirt I cannot undertake it now. I am sorry.

Yes it is sad that in a city like New York there are not enough Anarchists who would keep up a Hall and support VANGUARD. By the way whats become of CHALLENGE? I have not seen an issue in many weeks. Has that too died? Yes our movement is small, in fact not at all. It is the same in Europe with the exception of Sweden and there too it lacks revolutionay fire. Only Spain held out great hope. Now that too is extinguished. Not a pleasant feeling after fifty years of strenuous efforts. Still we must go on to the bitter end. Just now my main concern is the situation here, the fate of our friends, of a man like A. the finest and abliest among the Italiens in this city. I can think of no one or anything else. I have even set aside my concern in our martyred Spanish refugees.

Give my love to Clarar.
Fraternally.

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CANADIAN ADMINISTRATION

314 BAY STREET, PORT ARTHUR, ONT.

November 1, 1939

E.G. Colton,
295 Vaughan Road,
Toronto, Ont.,

Fellow Worker;-

Enclosed please find money order for thirteen dollars for the defense of the workers arrested down there under section # 39.

Three dollars of this was collected on a list in our office here, ten dollars a donation from our Winnipeg Branch for their defense.

Another dollar has just been received by me for this fund, so that makes it \$14.00 which will be sent you for this case.

I trust that we can raise more funds at a not too distant date for the defense of the fellow workers incarcerated in jail in Toronto.

I wonder if you know anything of a defense committee known as the "Watson Defense Committee" the secretary of whom is one by name; M. Dawson, the address of which is 246 College Ave, Toronto. We here have no knowledge of the affiliations if any of Dawson, altho we are aware of the case in question, only of course thru reading it in the daily press. We are however, of the opinion that he belongs to some split in either the Communist Party proper, or one from off the original Trotskyist Party, as one Carl Michin onetime writer for the "Daily Clarion" when it was running seems to be deeply interested in this organization, if organization it is. Any information you may be able to relay to us here on this case will be greatly appreciated.

Trusting in the not too distant future to hear favorably on the Libertarian workers case,

With best wishes,

I am yours Fraternally.

James Heney
Secy. Treas.

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J. HENRY

(cc)

Nov. 3, 1939..

Mr. James Henley, Sec'y,
I. W. W.,
314 Bay St.,
Port Arthur, Ont.

Dear Fellow-worker:

I just got your letter with the money-order for \$14.00 enclosed. I cannot tell you how much we appreciate your interest and your effort. I am enclosing a receipt for the amount. I would like to write a letter to the fellow-workers in Winnipeg. Please send me the name of the secretary and I will do so.

You will be glad to learn that we have scored the first round in our struggle for the liberation of our Italian comrades. Yesterday at the trial the cases charging with having "printed and distributed literature likely to interfere with His Majesty's forces" have been dismissed and two of the fellow-workers have been freed. The Crown had absolutely nothing to go by. In addition it was harassed by our attorney who is not only very clever, but knows how to sail between the cliffs of the intricate laws. We really never worried much about the two fellow-workers, but we were and are very worried about our fellow-worker Arthur Bertolotti. He comes up again for trial next Monday on the charge of the two revolvers found in his room. Both were in a condition that could hardly hurt anyone very much. Even this charge does not cause us sleepless nights. It is the Immigration department. To rescue our comrade from that institution may turn out to be a protracted and bitter fight. For that a large fighting fund will certainly be needed. So I am keeping up my begging letters to all the comrades and friends in the United States and the few we have in Canada.

About the "Watson Defence Committee", I have asked fellow-worker, Dorothy Giesecke, to tell you about it as she has been given the detailed information. I have met Watson once when he told me he was a member of the Independent Labor Party. Since his arrest I have learned that he is with the Trotskyists. They do not seem to be very scrupulous in having Watson pull the chestnuts out of the fire for their non-existent heroism. I understand that his case was bought from the beginning. It has since been appealed, not so much for the purpose of getting his sentence and fine reduced but that he may deliver an anti-war speech in court. However, Comrade Dorothy will add a few lines and tell you all she knows.

Directly I hear ~~from~~ from the fellow-workers in Vancouver and Calgary, I will let you know. Meanwhile send me the address of the fellow-worker in Winnipeg. Kind greetings,

Fraternally,

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November 3, 1939.

Dear Emma:

I have your letter of October 30th. Yes, Fitzi did show me the letter you sent her but it just so happened that my sister was at death's door when your letter came and nothing mattered at the time but that she should come through. She was having a baby, went through labor pains for 54 hours, etc. etc. I won't go into that now. Besides, I cannot help feeling resentful of your letter to me despite the fact that I realize that you are going through a difficult time. To tell me that I owe help to anybody simply because I ate at their table is too absurd to deserve comment. If I help anybody it is because I believe in their ideas or I have a special feeling of affection for them and not because I have eaten with them. I don't feel I owe Arthur anything on that score. I happened to like Arthur although I don't know him too well and I will do anything that I can to help him and the others. But there is very little that I can do. I can contribute myself and I am enclosing herewith a check for ten dollars which is all that I can spare at the moment. I cannot collect money for them because I do not know any people that will give money to people that they do not know and especially to people that are against the Allied cause. Most people here feel that supporting the Allies is choosing the lesser of two evils and they would not be very sympathetic to persons that are doing anything to defeat them. Arthur was against Canada going into the war. He expressed himself that way in his shop. I suppose he knew what he was doing and expected something like this to happen. I am not sure that I agree with him. I do think that Hitler and all that he stands for is a greater menace than what England stands for. However, that is not reason enough why I wouldn't help Arthur if I could -- or the others either. I will consult Minna Lowensohn and see if there is anything we can do together. As soon as I get hold of some more money I will send you some on my own account.

As ever,

Pauline [Kovner?]

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66, Perry Street,
New York City.

November 4th, 1939.

Emma, dear:

I am so glad some of your friends and family got to Canada to see you, and I only regret I wasn't as lucky. I can't imagine "nothing exciting" happening where you are with all your spirit and energy working no matter what the surrounding.

Indeed I agree about credulity and the Stalin-Hitler pact. I never have been able to understand the fatuous absence of criticism as to Russia which has been almost uniform among the "intellectuals" in this country. I remember feeling amazed at it even before I had heard from you about the treatment of those who demanded free speech after the Revolution. When I first came to New York and met Louise Bryant I had my first shock. Anybody with a grain of perspicacity would have been able to see that Louise Bryant was just a rather silly and very vain woman, not overly intelligent; and when she got started on the Revolution it was like hearing Theda Barra in some melodrama role. We were at lunch with her one day when she rejected beefsteak with the remark (serious) that it reminded her of "the blood of Russia." Ditto when Jack Reed died -- she claimed to be stricken dumb with grief and poured columns of verbal posturing into the ~~LeveMatoes~~. Not that Louise was anybody to anathematize as a specific villainess -- as far as I know she wasn't. But the things she said were simply damn fool. However, there was always a gaping crowd listening to every pearl of wisdom she uttered about the Russian situation.

But you see, Emma dear, I have always been a cynic about human nature except as seen in the few personalities of the great; and I have always envied a little your greater faith in the people. I don't think the mass of man consciously evil, but so terribly stupid they will probably always be the victims of the cunningly shrewd. That's why I could never support even you with real belief in political action as capable of consequences satisfactory to idealism. I just think the brave and good (and you are both) embody the highest principles of nature -- unalterable ineradicable principles, such as religions adumbrate when stripped of the superstitious elements which make them assimilable by the average. I somehow believe in my own way just as much as you do in yours, which is why I believe in you as an individual human being. It isn't so much that the brave people of integrity like yourself "do" good as that they "are" good which seems to count.

Indeed, indeed I know now, unnecessarily (for I took your word on it from the beginning) every thing you say about Stalin et al is more than true. I also seem nearly always to be in complete agreement with your judgments of specific people. I think the New Republic is the present Great American menace -- that and the C.I.O. which

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through the Newspaper Guild can be a tremendous disastrous influence. As for the League of American Writers, even if it were not Communist-controlled, as it is undisputably even yet, I am aghast at the adoption of the principle of organizing artists into pressure groups to control and dictate opinions and creativity in other artists. The fact that the damn thing goes on, has grown, and now claims to be cooperating in a reciprocal policy with The Authors League, fills me with as much astonishment as horror. I can't believe my eyes when I see the names of those who belong -- people who used to get excited about Sacco and Vanzetti and protested that they wanted everybody to be free.

I understood better after going to the recent World's Fair, where the Soviet building, with its grinning Soviet heroes and its murals like operetta ensembles dominated the whole show. Nearly all the buildings had photographs or other things to suggest industrial goose-stepping. Inside the Perisphere pictures were thrown on a screen which were exactly like propaganda reels from Germany and were actually American. And the loud-speaker, dominated by H.V. Kaltenborne, talked on and on about how nice it was.

It is so natural that Babbitry should lead to a Fascist-Communist Americanism, I realize. After all we gave this horrible industrial regimented program to the world. Still, even though one enjoyed living in Europe and deplored America's lag in art, one did have some ideals. One thought that the intellectuals at least would set up an objection louder than a kitten's mew on having this youth-movement-regimented drivel thrust on them as it is. I have been doing interviews of a journealese kind and people talk about the loss of Civil Rights as if it were simply nothing, whatever -- "the natural price worth paying for democracy." I'm afraid the average artist is not a very fine human specimen, his virtues being solely in his writing or painting. And so long as his art stands to gain in boosts given him as he is exploited by the politicians, he simply won't fight. So he had rather not believe that the art itself will eventually be so discouraged, as in Germany, that he will no longer have opportunity to produce it. His attitude toward this outrageous prevalent "pressure system" is simply "à la moule deluge." You could strangely Shakespeare's free speech under his eyes, and if he himself could get a good review today he simply wouldn't care at all.

Yes, you are good to say it, Emma dear -- there is some satisfaction in having the Dies Committee expose a little of the truth. I hope it keeps going, for I'm sure there is a great deal more. My only fear is that Dies will foolishly make martyrs of the wrong people. Except for that possibility, I can see nothing but good for everybody in having the network of Communist connections revealed. Naturally there will be many dumbbunnies who signed this and that not knowing what for, and there ought to be a line drawn to help the public discriminate between the bona fide Communist intriguer and his victim. However if undue penalties could be barred, it would be good to have even folly written up where everybody could see; as it is only through secrecy and the involuntary connivance of fools and cowards that the Soviet influence has grown.

I can imagine the shocking effect

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of war regulations, and I feel very sorry for your Italians. It is the sort of thing that seems the invariable accompaniment of war, and another argument for peace, if any were needed. I always wish, when I hear you are getting people out of undeserved trouble, that I had money to give to help. I recently got an invitation from the Berkman fund in Chicago. Dearest Emma, do forgive my doing nothing, for it isn't lack of a desire to be of aid. I am just barely skating along, Jig now trying to finish his college course he broke off to paint, and none of us with anything but what it takes for a bare daily living. We have to count the pennies, believe. Jig always wants to hear your letters and the carbons, and always says send his love.

In speaking of having sent around some quotations from a letter of mine, Emma dear, you suggested to me to ask if you had sent any to Chicago. I got a letter from a man in Chicago whom I strongly suspect of C.I.O. newspaper Communism during recent years, and he began his letter to me as no communication from him I ever had before -- in the first place "Dearest Evelyn" which he never called me or had reason to in his life; and then with various remarks more or less insinuating as if they were a reference to what I had written you. He also hinted at "Congressional investigations" and "hell breaking loose" and the Lord knows what -- it simply made no sense in relation to anything I knew or anything I had ever written him. I ask because the amount of petty, underhand political conniving and personal betrayal going on now in America would hardly be less than Russia, if the results, at the moment, are slightly less dire. *even*

This incident was coincident with the account a friend had from a man who was in Mexico last year and swore he had met "Evelyn Scott" there -- yes, the author of The Wave, a fascinating brunette, said he. He had talked with her about her books. She was there with her son, etc. etc. And of course I was at Skidmore. So with all coming out about passport forgeries by Communists I have wondered slightly if the incident was not, as it first struck me, the man's lie but a fact. Maybe she forged my name, though I never heard of her. God knows I autograph book enough. Isn't it wonderful!

And Harry Hanson writing in his column about how splendid regimentation is. And F.V. Calverton, ex-expert on Freud, getting interview about "industrial democracy" soon to take the place of "political democracy." The poor saps somehow always envisage themselves as the dictators' most intimate friends.

Your existence is always one of my big causes for hope. Nobody ever lived more honest and brave, and how we need that today! Considering politics not good enough for good people, I half regret selfishly the arts can't have you altogether. How you would hate that!

God bless, and always and always, my very devoted love,

Evelyn *Evelyn*

P.S. What are Rebecca West and Ethel Manin and Herbert Read and John Poes doing now

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Nov. 4 1939

Dear E.G.

Your letter of Oct. 28 has come when an answer to the preceding had already been mailed.

If the trial has taken place on the second, as stated in your letter, I hope news of it will be here by Tuesday, that is in time for next issue. This week there has been no issue.

Thanks for the news you send. I still hope that the trial has been continued to a later date. The brief notice that was published was all that could be done at that time on the basis of information received. Of course now it will be possible to do more, which is being done.

Having no notion whatever of the procedure in Canadian war time courts, it is rather more complicated. But facts are enough to state the case.

The time is pressing and I very well understand your state of nervousness. I wish all the money that is needed could be sent right away, but this being impossible, I beg you to believe that our friends in the States do not need very long discourses to realize the gravity of the case and the urgency of help. Thus if no more conspicuous sums have been sent so far, it is just because there was material lack of time to provide them.

We know our friends in trouble, have been attached to them through long years of work in common, and you may be sure that they are very high in our mind.

I shall write to you again as soon as there are news on our part.

Meanwhile rest assured of our interesteness.

Very cordially yours

Nick Di Domenico
1939 Lafayette
NY

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Box 16
Crompond, N.Y.

Nov. 4, 1939.

Dear Emma Goldman,

I, too, have a vivid recollection of the long ago and the many comrades that we grew up amongst. It affords quite a colorful background and many interesting reminiscences. Besides all this I remember you particularly as one who always had the great courage to say the most unpopular thing for the betterment of humanity and the strength and willingness to take the consequences. My husband was at your home the evening that you called the Conscientious Objectors together in 1917.

I am sure that you did get quite a bit of satisfaction from time to time when some of your most unpopular thoughts were later accepted and spread. Of course you chose a difficult path and the headway is necessarily slow and often discouraging but the fact that there is no short cut to a millenium helps. The honest communist now should see this and admit this to those who have chosen your path.

I won't take up your valuable time any further, but will tell you that the comrades that live here now in the Colony got together last night and the result is \$40. for which you will find enclosed a money order. During the summer the results are better, but I guess this will help a bit. I hope something can be done to keep these fellows from unjust treatment.

Milly is now at the Coast but we here all look forward to both Rocker and Milly's return to the Colony. They are wonderful people, and

Mother and Gordon are both showing decided signs of wear and with mothers temperament it is hard for her to accept what age makes us all accept. They are living with me just at present. They send kindest regards to you and so do the rest of the comrades here. Here is hoping that you will get a good response to your general call for help from all the New York sources.

With kindest regards and comradely greeting,

I am with love,

Eva Brandes

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Nov. 6, 1939.

Dearest Pauline:

I was shocked to hear of the frightful ordeal your sister went through. What has become of the much boasted medical discoveries of methods that make labour pain less ghastly. I thought that we have long outlived the time when women is permitted to go through agonies during a period of fifty-four hours. I certainly was shaken to the marrow of my bones. You have failed to say how she and the baby are after the frightful ordeal. Please let me know soon.

Darling Pauline, I am sorry if what I wrote made you resentful. I am certain that if you had understood my meaning you would not have felt that way. I certainly did not mean that you are under any obligation to Arthur or the others because you ate at their table. I did not mean the meal. I meant the fine spirit of hospitality and comradeship. I had hoped that this would have left a pleasant feeling with you and that, therefore, you would feel inclined to help. I am sorry that I did not express myself better, but, of course, I thought you would understand. There is no need to feel resentful, or to think that I thought you had obligations to Arthur or the others. I repeat that I merely had in mind the beautiful spirit which prevailed on the evening and which I thought would send you away with a warm impression.

Dearest, I am unfortunately not in a position to argue the logic of the stand of people on the present war or your own reaction to it. I can only say that these people are going through the same mistaken position that many did in the last war. I do not have to tell you that almost anybody is better than that savage, Hitler. At the same time there is no instance in the human struggle of the past that should warrant anybody unless carried away by the war psychosis to believe that Hitlerism can be abolished by another world conflagration. The last war was also for the purpose of ending war and for democracy. The very existence of Hitler, Mussolini, and the other dictators should prove to thinking people that wars settle nothing. But as I said I must pass this up at the present time.

However, you are all wrong if you think that Arthur got into trouble for his anti-war talk in the shop. As a matter of fact he did not actually talk to the others. He merely declined to do war work. Surely, you do not mean to suggest that he should now take his medicine without an effort on our part to get him free. In point of fact, Arthur is the man who would always take his medicine. But as I said he was not arrested for anything he said, wrote or did about the war. He was arrested for having literature

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in his possession which the prosecuting attorney was trying to interpret as "an attempt to print and distribute literature likely to interfere with His Majesty's Forces." The fact that the judge ruled that in all his collection there was nothing that had any bearing on the war and that he dismissed the charges against the three should convince you that you are wrong in your statement about Arthur.

At this writing A. B. is standing trial for two broken revolvers found in his room. We are hoping that these too may be dismissed because it would give him a clean record to face the immigration authorities. But I dare not hope for too much. Dick and Dorothy are at court and they are to call me up to tell me the outcome. I will then add a line to let you know.

Dear, old Stout, don't feel resentful. I am having such a hell of a time to raise money and to rouse interest in our Jewish comrades that you shouldn't feel so hard about I wrote, especially as you misunderstood the meaning.

with loads of love,

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Emma Goldman

222 TAUNTON ROAD

TORONTO
ONTARIO

NOV. 6, 1939.

Dear Comrade Silverstein:

I wired you a week ago last Saturday about my inability to be with you in Winnipeg for the 12th of this month. I followed up the telegram with a letter explaining in detail why I could not come. I suggested that you transfer your meetings to the first days in December. Naturally, I had hoped to hear from you by today. I must say you are a very slow correspondent. I really must know what you have decided to do and whether you have accepted the new dates I have given you. I received from the F. A. S. several names of subscribers in Vancouver. Also the secretary of the I. W. W. in Port Arthur has sent me a few names of boys in Vancouver who might help in arranging meetings. I had at once written to these people and have tried to bring them together in the hope that a couple of Jewish and English meetings may result from it. The I. W. W. chap in Port Arthur has also sent me a reliable address in Calgary, while the F. A. S. sent me the address of the Peretz Schule. I have written there as well. It would be fine if something would come out of it from all the strenuous efforts I am making. It is terribly hard to achieve anything singlehanded. If I have nothing else inherited from the Jewish people, I have their dogged perseverance. I do not let go until I have tried everything under the sun.

Dear Comrade, you will be glad to learn that the first cases against our three Italian friends have been dismissed last Thursday and two men have been set free. Arthur Bertolotti who is really the most important is at this moment of writing standing trial on the charge of two broken revolvers found in his room. I am waiting to hear the outcome and I will add a few lines before this letter is mailed. However, even if the revolver charge should be dismissed there will still be the immigration authorities to face. That may turn out to be a long & expensive battle, but we will have to make it and will have to ask all our comrades to come to the rescue of Arthur.

It will interest you to know that I. W. W. of Winnipeg has sent a contribution to the Defence fund to their headquarters at Port Arthur. I certainly trust that you and the other Jewish friends will lose no time in following the good example. Incidentally, I have learned that the IWW in Winnipeg have a large hall. Why have you not considered it for a few English meetings? Is it out of the way? I wish you would not delay so long in answering my letters. I must now know when I have to leave for Winnipeg. Please reply by return mail.

fraternally,

Emma Goldman
in Winnipeg. It means

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INDUSTRIAL WORKERS OF THE WORLD

CANADIAN ADMINISTRATION

314 BAY STREET, PORT ARTHUR, ONT.

November 6, 1939.

E.G. Colton,
295 Vaughan Road,
Toronto, Ont.,

Dear Fellow Worker:-

Your letter of November 3rd received and very glad to hear of the release of the Italian Fellow Workers, and sincerely trust that Fellow Worker Bartolotti beats the "rap" when next his hearing comes up, to be deported to Italy in his case would be the same as the death sentence being pronounced, at least that is how it appears to me from what I have been able to learn about the land of Mussolini and his ilk.

I also am greatly indebted to you and Fellow Worker Dorothy Rogers for the information on the Watson case, we have had several letters from that source lately, and it has all the appearance of the communist flavor of the Sacco-Vanzetti case of 1920-27, being then a resident of the states I was fairly well conversant with their doings in that case, and how they used the hundreds of thousands of dollars collected in the name of these two martyrs of labor, and it looks to me here that the "Trotskyists" are not one whit different to the branch of the communist party they broke away from, merely dictatorship under another name, and Trotsky's name is synonymous with Kronstadt and the massacre of the Makhno anarchists in the Ukraine to me.

You can write to Fellow Worker James Doherty room 12, 592 Main Street, Winnipeg, Man. he will be able to perhaps lend some assistance to you in regards to your proposed tour especially on that city. I am almost positive that Vancouver is one city where you would be sure of a welcome reception, perhaps I may be in error, but it is to my mind one of the best cities in Canada from the standpoint of the revolutionary labor movement which is anything but strong anywhere in this land.

We will still do what we can to assist in the defense of fellow worker Bartolotti, and forwarding the clipping to the Editor of our paper in Chicago for him to give due publicity to the freeing of the other fellow workers, the winning of this case will I am sure have a bearing on other and similar cases that may come up from time to time during the present war.

If when next you write I would appreciate you enclosing the receipt for the funds sent, by mistake it was not enclosed, altho I note in your letter you mention its enclosure, thanking you for all information we have obtained on the Watson case, and trusting your tour will meet with the success that same deserves.

I am with best wishes,
Fraternal'y yours,

James Heney

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Meanwhile keep me posted with developments. I had better know the name and address of the counsel for defense, in case I am questioned and have to refer to his authority. I may be able to get a question asked in Parliament, but I must have all the details at hand. The counsel's statement which you sent me is very clear, but you know how official people always name names and addresses.

It seems to me that some of our friends are still too
 trustful of Stalin. They are prepared to forgive and forget
 too much.

I think about the best thing thrown up by the ear so far is the statement of the Working Committee of the Indian congress. There is a pamphlet on "Bar Ains" by G.D.N. Gole published by the New Statesman which, in spite of its academic outlook, seems to me to be far more realistic than anything produced by the Communists.

I gave M.L. your message and begged her to write to you; I hope by now you have heard from her.

I will send you anything I get into print about the Bartolotti affair. Meanwhile all good wishes.

Affectionately

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Dear Fellow-worker: I received your letter of Nov. 9, 1939. I am sorry to have forgotten to insert the receipt. I had so much to do on the day that I was writing you and there was a lot of confusion in the house which accounts for my neglect. I enclose herewith.

Thanks for your letter which reached me this morning. I am sorry to have forgotten to insert the receipt. I had so much to do on the day that I was writing you and there was a lot of confusion in the house which accounts for my neglect. I enclose herewith.

I know you will rejoice with us that our attorney also succeeded in getting the revolver charges against A. B. dismissed. You will realize how much the success is due to our very brilliant attorney, Mr. J. L. Cohen, by the quotation from a letter we have received from our fellow-worker A. B. who is now held by the immigration authorities. "Yesterday I made a super-human effort to control my indignation at the way I was framed. Fortunately, through the brilliant ability of Cohen and the Judge's fairness though sinister forces did not succeed to incriminate me." All of us connected with the case are convinced that it was our attorney who saved the other comrades and A. B. from a heavy term of imprisonment. As far as the charge of having printed and distributed literature inimical to the war is concerned the freeing of our fellow-workers has not only benefitted them but it has made the new measure thoroughly ridiculous. It is certain that the authorities will think twice now before raiding a house, dragging people out of bed and carting off their libraries. So we really have reasons to congratulate ourselves and our attorney.

Dear Fellow-worker, I think it will save considerable time and expense if I sent material to the Industrial Worker direct instead of you sending them the material I have supplied you with. Of course, I would go on keeping you informed of what we are doing here, but it does delay, doesn't it, if the material is sent to Port Arthur and then to Chicago. If you agree, please let me have the address of the Industrial Worker. I haven't seen it again since the arrest of our comrades took place. I would like very much to write an article over my own signature and also make an appeal for funds, because the real battle has only now begun to save Arthur from deportation.

Thank you very much for the address in Winnipeg. I am writing the fellow-worker at once. It occurred to me that the fellow-workers in Calgary, Vancouver and Winnipeg would be more inclined to help arrange English meetings for me if you were to urge them to do so than just by my request. If it is not too much of a burden for you, please write them.

I am very glad to know that you have followed the terrible crime the Communists have committed against Sacco and Vanzetti. It would be outrageous enough if it would be merely a question of having

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appropriated the huge sums collected for the defence of Sacco and Vanzetti. But in addition to this the damnable Communists also used the propaganda for our two men to enhance their own thereby sacrificing their lives. I have always felt that if the fellow-workers in America would have procured competent and earnest legal help, and if the Communists had been eliminated from the campaign Sacco and Vanzetti would be still alive and free. Knowing how terribly their defence was bungled the first few years I determined to get the best man in this city to take charge of the defence of our Italian fellow-workers even if his fee may seem exorbitant at first. We feel that the responsibility of looking after four cases of whom two are in the hands of the immigration authorities would involve a lot of time and effort commensurable with the amount we will have to pay J. L. Cohen.

I assure you, dear fellow-worker, we are appreciating your fine spirit, interest and solidaric help you have given us in our struggle for our Italian comrades and I am certain that they too feel comforted and sustained by the co-operation of all fellow-workers.

With kind greetings, fraternally,

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\$14.00 for the defence of fellow-workers,
Arthur Bartollotti, Ruggiero Benvenuti, Ernest
Gava and Marco Joachim. \$10.00 of the
amount was contributed by the fellow-
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Emma Goldman

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Dear Ben.

I did not know you
 had a stroke, Jeanne Grey wrote
 me you had an heart attack.
 Whatever it is you will have
 to submit to rest and complete
 abstention from your vigorous
 activities. I hope you will be
 sensible about it. There is
 no use to act like the ostrich,
 my dear. If we refuse to face
 the fact that we cannot work
 through life at sixty we
 are old at 30. The fact will over-
 take us. So be sensible, rest
 and write your son, which
 I know you never took time
 to do. I am delighted to know
 that Brutus has a role and
 is "supporting" you. After all
 you have done for 22 years

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 do it, I am sure he does it
 gladly.
 I have been hard at work
 to help save 3 Italian comrades
 from the new war measure.
 Fortunately I found a crack
 jack attorney, very keen
 and a fighter. He succeeded
 in getting the charges of "attemp-
 ting to print a distributed
 literature that interfere with
 His Majesty's forces" dis-
 missed. Also the charge of
 having 2 equalizers and the
 premises dismissed. Now if
 he is free. The Road is
 laid by the money and the
 so-called right is only beginning.
 I certainly cannot complain
 about lacking activities. Un-
 fortunately Wanda is under
 a del.
 Let me know how you are
 getting on. Best greetings to Brad.
 Your old friend. EG

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Nov. 9, 1939.

Dear Comrade:

You will be interested to know the status of our Comrade A. B. His trial on the charge of the two revolvers took place on Monday. You will see that our attorney has again scored a moral victory. I cannot better express the very skilful piece of work he did at the trial than by the following quotation from a letter we received from A. B. yesterday: "Yesterday I made a superhuman effort to control my indignation at the way I was framed. Fortunately, through the brilliant ability of Cohen and the fairness of the Judge those sinister forces did not succeed to incriminate me." Comrade A. B. is not the only one who got the impression that he was framed. I had reports from a number of people who had attended the trial that even the Judge seemed to think that there was something phony about the statements of the two police officers who testified on the stand. The best proof for it was the condition of the revolvers. They had been lying around for over a year in a box of junk and looked hoary with age. In Court they were shining like a mirror and they gave everybody the impression that they had just come out of a gun shop. One of the police officers stressed the fact that they had been in his possession and that nobody had access to them. No one doubted that. That's why they looked shiny and new. We all felt that it was our attorney whose keen legal mind frustrated the intentions of the police. Incidentally both the officers represent the Red Squad. They have been trying for ever so long to get our comrades in their net. Especially A. B. whose anti-fascist activities they have tried hard to check. Well, it is certain that the preposterous war measure which makes it a crime to "attempt an act" has been thoroughly discredited. The authorities will think twice before they will raid a house, arrest people and take away a truck load of a library. If for no other reason we can only congratulate ourselves that we have such a man as Mr. J. L. Cohen.

However, it is also important that our attorney succeeded in freeing A. B. from both charges. Now that he has a clean slate it might be easier to deal with the immigration authorities. But you know yourself that the immigration department like the mills of the gods grind slowly but surely and the only way to stop the grind is to make a fight and to leave no stone unturned in saving our comrade from being turned over to the tender mercies of Mussolini. For this we need the help of all comrades and of all liberal minded people in the United States. You may ask why only in the United States. Certainly not because we have not tried to rouse interest in the cases in Canada. Unfortunately, there is a conspiracy of silence in the daily papers and there is no public forum of any consequence through which we can acquaint the people of this city or this country. Sadder still is the complete absence of public spirited men and women willing to defend civil liberties against the encroachment of the Canadian authorities.

However, the real fight is only now beginning. Arthur is to be sacrificed to the monster Mussolini. That is certainly the intention of the immigration authorities, and not only of them but also of the Canadian. I insisted from the very beginning that they

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Please help generously and quickly!

Fraternally,

Emma Goldman

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However, it is also important that our comrades should be aware that A. B. from both of you. No that he has a clean slate to it might be easier to deal with the immigration authorities. But you know your job. If that the first action should be like the hills of the code strip slowly but surely and the only way to stop the crime is to make a fight and to leave no stone unturned in a vain effort to save our comrades from being turned over to the tender mercies of Mussolini. Mussolini. For this we need the help of all comrades and of all liberal minded people in the United States. You may ask why only in the United States. Certainly not because we have not tried to make interest in the cases in Canada. Unfortunately, there is a conspiracy of silence in the daily papers and there is no public forum of any consequence through which we can acquaint the people of this city or this country. Saddest still is the complete absence of public spirited men and women willing to defend civil liberties against the encroachment of the Canadian authorities.

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and Betty Lovins Fredericks

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Proteomally,

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Nov. 10, 1939

Dear Louis:

Your letter of Oct. 2nd reached me only last week. I realize that it takes an awful long time for mail to go back and forth. I was most anxious about you, your whereabouts, and your health, but no one seemed to know anything about you. I was, therefore, very relieved to get word from you even though your letter is black. Not that I blame you for seeing everything and everybody in black colours. I do that myself and I am far away from the actual European madness. I wonder why you are staying so long on the other side. Is it because you are able to do something for our unfortunate refugees? Or is anything personal keeping you. It would be a real treat to see you again and have a heart to heart talk which one cannot do by letter.

After months of dillying with the people here in re your film, I had to give up the idea of importing it. No, not because of money considerations. Rather is it because of the new War Measure in Canada which makes it a felony to even "attempt to print and to distribute and to show books, circulars, pictures and all else that is likely to interfere with His Majesty's forces." I am certain that your film would come under that clause. It would, therefore, have been a waste of money to bring it into the country. As it is, I had to back a struggle which has already taken six weeks and a lot of money to save four Italian friends from a couple of years of imprisonment. Fortunately, we have a brilliant lawyer who by his legal keenness succeeded in getting the charges dismissed. Two of the Italians have been set free. The most worthwhile of them is now held by the immigration authorities. It is obvious that the fascists have from the very beginning backed the prosecution. Our friend has for years kept up an incessant anti-fascist campaign for which he was never forgiven by the Italian authorities in this city as well as by the Italians Fascist organization. We are terribly worried about the chances of our friend, but we are determined to offer the utmost resistance against this heinous crime of turning him over to Italy.

I say we, but in reality I have to stand the whole brunt and spend everyday for six weeks in writing begging letters. The Spanish comrades were very responsive. So were the Italians. I am hoping that they will do more, however. The fee of the attorney so far has been \$1500.00. It may seem a lot, but the amount of work he has done and the time and the devotion that he has given do not make the sum loom so high. Anyway, we are certain that but for our attorney our friends would have been railroaded in less than it takes to tell to a number of years in prison and to deportation in the end for one of them. So the effort made so far was worthwhile.

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As I do not know whom you mean in your blanket charge against some of my friends, I cannot discuss this part of your letter. But I will grant you that "chieftains" in any movement never have or will stand the test of integrity. It is always the rank and file whose integrity carries every struggle and who pay the heaviest price. On the whole, however, I feel that defeat never brings out the best traits in human beings. Often the finest characters break under a great collapse, but as you say we cannot be more specific.

I wonder if you would see Molly and Senia. I understand that he has lost his job and I am very worried about how they make ends meet. Through them you may also find out where Martin is. I have written him twice and have sent him money, but no answer. I wonder what has become of him. By the way, the money was sent care of the American Embassy so it has not gotten lost. I do hope M. has not taken ill. Please find out and write me about him.

Affectionately,

P. S.--I am going to have sent this sent by clipper via Lisbon. It will be at you sooner.

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Emma Goldman

100 WARDMAN STREET

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NOV. 10, 1939.

Dear Eva Brandes:

Your letter of the 4th with cheque for \$45.00 enclosed reached me a couple days ago. I was in the midst of great anxiety about our comrade Arthur Bartolotti who was standing trial on Monday. Hence the delay in writing you.

First, let me tell you that when I did not hear from you for some weeks I wrote Milly R. to get in touch with you because money was so urgently needed. My letter was forwarded to her to the coast. I heard from her today that she would get in touch with you. Please forgive me that I was so impatient. I am writing Milly today to tell her that you have carried out your promise not merely in the letter but also in the spirit.

Thank you very much for the high opinion you have of me and your touching faith in the beneficial results of my activities. Yes, I was gratified to see some of the ideas I had propagated had borne fruit. But on the other hand so many new fetters have taken the place of the old and the credulity of the mass as well as the so-called intelligentsia has increased so many evils that it seems impossible to do anything at all now. The main difficulty in my case is that I have felt an alien everywhere since my deportation from the states. I have tried very hard, indeed, to take roots in England, but I have failed utterly. The rigid reserve of the British people and their smugness have frozen my own blood. I finally had to leave because I could not endure the paralyzing indifference. Here, I feel a little more at home. Perhaps, because I am so near the states, though painfully still far removed. I have a few friends here who make me feel that my fifty years superhuman effort for our ideas have not been in vain. But as far as the Canadians are concerned I am no more a success than I have been in England. Especially on this visit I have failed to find even a small number of public spirited men and women. It is this which is making the fight to save Arthur Bartolotti from the harrowing possibility of deportation to Italy.

However, I am determined to create some kind of a "Save Bartolotti Committee." It seems absolutely obvious that the Immigration authorities want to ship him out. In point of fact, the fascists have been back of the arrest of Arthur and the others and from all indications the Italian Consul has informed his government in Italy all about our comrade who has for years carried on an anti-fascist campaign. I would despair of Arthur's chances if it were not for the very able and sincere attorney, Mr. J. L. Cohen, in charge of the cases. We all feel that it was his brilliant defense which got them free from the ridiculous charges. We are as determined as we are to fight hard the attempt to deport him; but of course deportation cases mean a terrific expense and we are yet far from the original fee of the lawyer to which I have pledged

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affecting people.

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Yes, Olay wrote me that he is going to New York to attend the SIA conference. I forthwith wrote an appeal to the Spanish comrades of the SIA. Bless their wonderful generosity. They sent me a cheque for \$150.00. They had wired \$50.00 at the very beginning. Also the Spanish comrades in Detroit sent me \$50.00 and what with the amount you sent I have actually received from the Spanish comrades nearly \$300.00. In view of the burdens they have to carry for our martyred refugee friends, I consider that a splendid showing. My appeals to the Italian comrades have also brought results, though not as much in proportion to their numbers in America than the contributions of my dear Spaniards. The appeal in the Italian paper L. A. is beginning to bring results. I hope it will be substantial. Anyone who has dealt with deportation cases knows how costly the struggle is, as so many efforts are involved outside of the mere legal aspect. To save Arthur it will require to go to the County head of the immigration authorities. Then we are determined to create a Save Bartolotti Committee. In short a number of things to rescue our splendid comrade from sure death.

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Dear Comrade, I hate awfully to impose on you again with the request for material help. I wonder whether you could not undertake some kind of an affair with the help of Katie Peconi, Yelensky and all the other groups as well as our beloved Jeanne. I hope she is not ill because I have not heard from her and I am most curious about her. Please see what can be done even if it is necessary to set aside other needs. Surely, the comrades will see that A. B.'s are once again to be set aside. It is of immediate and greatest necessity to raise the cash. See all the comrades and let us know. The only one you give no hope is I suppose of the group Liberi. I have sent them a letter but before I got yours of Oct. 20th. I sent it to his name as I did not wish to address the Liberi Group. I cannot recollect whether it was the barber shop, 200 S. Dearborn Ave. or whether I omitted the barber shop. I haven't heard from the Italian comrades but I am sure they must have received my letter and acknowledgement. I cannot believe that the Italians in Chicago can only make \$9.00.

I cannot go Olay back. I want to cover the South American ground to make Arthur's flight known. Let me know by return mail how far I want to send Olay a short statement for him to travel to Japan, etc.

affectionately,

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Emma Goldman

195 VAUGHAN ROAD

TORONTO
ONTARIO

Nov. 10, 1939.

Dearest Milly:

I received your letter on the 7th and today hasten to reply. First of all I have received a letter from Ave Brandes four days ago with the list you left her and \$43.00 in Canadian money enclosed. I have just written her and have told her I am sorry I was so impatient. My impatience was due to my terrible anxiety about my Italian comrades and especially about Arthur Martellotti. I enclose a copy of a statement I have written for our press and to a number of comrades and also a copy of a statement prepared by our attorney. It was certainly his skill which disproved what seems to us a frame-up against Arthur; but though the judge himself realized that something is wrong and dismissed the case Arthur is still a captive. This time in the hands of the immigration authorities. From all indications it seems obvious that the fascists have been back of the arrest and the prosecution of Arthur. They couldn't forgive his splendid anti-fascist work and when they had a chance under the new measure they thought they could put him away and silence A. B. for some time. They evidently took no chances because they also seem to be back of the intantion of the immigration authorities to deport A. B. You know what that would mean. The case looks black, but we are, of course, determined to fight it to the last stitch. For that a substantial fund is needed and I am still short of the amount needed for the original fee. I tell you it has been a dreadful thing to raise the sum we have, nearly \$1,000.00, but it means a daily grind from morning to night. The Spaniards were simply wonderful. SIM sent \$200.00 from New York. The Spanish group in Detroit sent \$50.00. Then Olav has raised some. The Italians, too, have been responsive but not to the extent they should have been. After all, the Spaniards have a terrible load to carry of their numerous comrades in distress in France and in various countries. The Italians also have responsibility, I know, but nothing is so important as Arthur's case now. I must, therefore, ask you, dearest Milly, to get busy. There must be a large group of Italians in Los Angeles. Tell them to hurry to save Arthur's life. I enclose a new list, but if the Italians want to send me money direct tell them to do so under Mrs. A. G. Colton, 295 Vaughan Rd., Toronto.

You did not say what you succeeded in Chicago, and if the Detroit meetings were worthwhile. I hope so. I hope Rudolf's California tour will bring material results to secure you both for a time.

Give C. V. Cook my affectionate greetings and tell him I am surprised that he has never acknowledged my letter about the arrest and the subscription list. I begged him to go after the Italians. C. V. has never failed me before. I am, therefore, surprised not having heard from him. Give my love to Sadie Cook. Love to Rudolf and yourself. Fraternal greetings to all the comrades.

Emma

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Emma Goldman

233 VAUGHAN ROAD,

TORONTO
ONTARIO

Nov. 11, 1939.

Miss L. B. Milner,
Sec'y. American Civil Liberties Union,
31 Union Square W.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Miss Milner:

I wrote you Oct. 28th in reply to yours of the 26th. I expressed my appreciation for your offer to do your best "to bring articles on the Canadian situation." I happen to be a subscriber to The Nation and to The New Republic. The former had an article by a Canadian on the cases of the Italians, but I could find nothing in the New Republic. I wonder if you were refused by these papers because I feel sure that you have tried, or have you approached other publications? More than ever it is imperative to get some publicity for one of the men who is now in the hands of the immigration authorities threatened to deportation to one of the most inhuman countries, Italy.

I am enclosing a short statement of the two trials and what we consider a great moral victory in having the indictments dismissed. You will see from that, that while we have reasons to congratulate ourselves in the choice of our attorney and in the efforts we have made our battle is only now beginning. As we suspected all along, the fascists of this city were back of the arrest. We now have more convincing proof that they are also back of the threatened deportation of A. B. Of course, we intend to fight to the bitter end, but if we are to succeed we must have help from the United States. It is absolutely essential to organize "A Save Bartollotti Committee." Unfortunately there are no public spirited men and women to speak of in this city. If there are, they have not yet made themselves heard. As to the press in this city, it has observed a complete conspiracy of silence although it did have a couple of lines about the Court hearing.

Now, I am reasonably certain that if we could get together a few outstanding people in New York to sponsor the Save Bartollotti Committee the "heroic" liberals in Canada would fall in line. For this reason we may have to send somebody down to New York to rouse interest in the fate of Bartollotti.

I am most anxious to know when you expect Roger back. I fear it will be difficult to reach anybody while he is away. Do you think it will be possible to go before the Board of Directors of the ACLU? Please write me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Emma Goldman

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Nov. 11, 1939.

Dearest Jeanne:

I just got your letter of yesterday and while I am head over heels in work writing to the whole world about Arthur's dangerous situation and also preparing articles on the case, I want to answer you at once. As you will see by your envelope the post office authorities claim that it was damaged and open. More than likely your letter has been tampered with. I don't know at what end so be more careful.

Yes, we scored a great moral success in getting the indictments against our Italian friends dismissed. The credit belongs almost entirely to Mr. J. L. Cohen, our attorney. But the men were also fortunate in coming before a fair Judge as far as judges can be fair at all. You will also see by my statement that our struggle has only now begun. As we suspected all along, the fascists of this city were back of the arrest. We now have more convincing proof that they are also back of the threatened deportation of A. B. Of course, we intend to fight to the bitter end, but if we are to succeed we must have help from the United States. It is absolutely essential to organize "A Save Bertolotti Committee." Unfortunately there are no public spirited men and women to speak of in this city. If there are, they have not yet made themselves heard. As to the press in this city, it has observed a complete conspiracy of silence although it did have a couple of lines about the Court hearing.

It is frightfully uphill work in this city and it is for this reason that we need all the help, moral and financial, from America we can get. Dearest Jeanne, Arthur is in danger of his life and I must ask you to take charge of the Chicago end in an intensive campaign to help us save this rare and splendid comrade. I feel certain that with help from Chicago, New York and other large centres in the States we may be as fortunate as with the liberation of the other boys. Whatever you do, do it quickly. Bear in mind that an immigration case requires a considerable cash fund for publicity, for the necessity of some one going to New York, another one to Ottawa and to Montreal, and ever so many incidental expenses outside of the attorney's fee. Besides Arthur we have another young chap held by the immigration authorities. His case is also very serious and we must work on that as well. Anyway, we cannot afford to lose some of our best people. We have so few as it is and I rely on you to get busy.

No, I do not want my answer to Don's suggestion in re Dies published. I don't want it to appear that I have done any

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extraordinary thing in refusing to step into that swamp. To me it was a self-evident gesture. Anyhow, I don't want it published. Thanks for your offer to place it, anyway.

As to being willing to write articles on Russia. Indeed, I am, but what magazines will take them? My dearest, you don't seem to realize that since Stella's illness I have absolutely no one in New York sufficiently interested to help me get a hearing in some shape or form. Yes, I know there is Harry Weinberger, but, after all, I cannot expect him to concentrate on my interests. And there is Fitz, but she is harassed to death in trying to get a job. And there is no one else. Do you want to undertake the job of sounding the Chicago papers, or some of the magazines? Both the Cosmopolitan and the Saturday Evening Post are Hearst's papers. They will not take anything by E. G. That has been the policy of Hearst since the McKinley affair in 1901; but if there are any others, please try. I will be more than content to do some articles. I certainly need to earn some money. So far I have only spent whatever my friends were good enough to send me.

Darling, I must go to Winnipeg. I cannot disappoint the Comrades a second time. I intend to leave here the 27th or 28th of this month. If nothing materializes in Vancouver and Calgary, I have written to people there, I will be back here about the 20th of December. Please write by return mail and tell me what you intend to do to help me save Arthur. Love to Jay and greetings to the comrades.

Yes, the SIA in New York has shown once more the boundless generosity and solidarity of our Spanish comrades. If only our Jewish people would have even one particle of it they would not cling to every penny and wallow in their own smugness and comfort.

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Bernard and Emma Shane,

Dear Comrades:

I received your letter but was so swamped with work for the defence of our Italians that I simply did not have a minute at the time. I did write Rose and I begged her to get in touch with you. I cannot believe that she did. In response to my urgent appeal to collect some money on a subscription list I sent her Rose sent me just \$2.00 contributed by Baron. For the rest she informed me that all of the comrades have refused to help. To say that I was shocked would only mildly express my state of mind after reading Rose's letter.

I enclose a copy of the letter I wrote her yesterday. I know you will probably think it somewhat harsh, but when you will bear in mind that I have done nothing else from morning to night and bombard our friends with begging letters you will understand my indignation. After all, the Jewish comrades are not poorer than the Italians and yet their response has been nil. In this city our comrades who own factories and are certainly well fixed and a few workers in our ranks have contributed exactly \$57.00. I already told you what came in from Montreal. As to America, so far not a penny has been contributed. If my appeal in the F. A. S. has brought results I haven't yet been informed about it. And this week the appeal was taken out altogether. I wish I weren't so dumb and that I could understand the psychology of our Jews better. Frankly, it is beyond me to come across such national limitations. Why on earth do they call themselves anarchists, if they can remain so indifferent and so cold to the dangers threatening comrades of other nationalities. True, we have scored a double success, as I have explained in my short statement, copy of which I enclose. Unfortunately, the real fight has just begun, if Arthur Bertolotti is to be saved from the danger of deportation. That this is the definite intention of the Immigration authorities can be no doubt whatever.

My dears, I appeal to you with all the intensity of my being that you should get busy and raise some money to rescue Arthur. Could you not Bernard approach your Union? There must be some Italians belonging to it, but even if there aren't the other nationalities should be made to see that some of them too are in danger under the War Measure and the intent of the authorities to dispose of people who are earnest union men and whose only crime is their anti-fascist activity. For your own information I am sending you a copy of the statement our attorney has prepared for me and also my own short statement of a more intimate nature. Perhaps you can make use of either to enlighten the members of your union as to the

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grave situation confronting Arthur Bartolotti.

And you, dear Emma, could you not do something with the enclosed list. I know that Rose had always been willing to try her utmost, but as she is not very well and evidently very depressed of their material condition perhaps you will help her to canvass people or to organize some affair. Anything, only not this cold, callous detachment. You have no idea what a time I am having here in making people realize that sure death is awaiting Arthur if the immigration authorities should succeed. I feel completely worn out from the stress of the last six weeks and yet I dare not relax. I only hope that you and others will get busy and do your utmost to help out.

By the way, dear Bernard, our attorney may have to go to Ottawa and Montreal. In that case I will want him to meet you so he can give you a more direct account of the situation. I have written Max Zahler today and I have asked him to approach the anti-fascists in Montreal. If there are any outstanding people in that group, perhaps Max and you and bring them together with our attorney. He is not only one of the most brilliant men here but he is also thoroughly conversant with the political aspect involved in the persecution of Arthur.

With affectionate greetings and with the hope that I might hear from you very soon.

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Emma Goldman

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Dearest Fitz. I feel sure you must be worried about a job and fretted how to make ends meet, else you would ~~not~~ have answered my letter. My appeal was so urgent for our arrested Italiens I know you would not ignore it if you were not ill, or depressed. Anyhow I am anxious about you. This and the development of the cases have decided me to wait no longer. You will see by the inclosed copy of a short statement I prepared that our attounrey, Mr J.L. Cohen has succeeded better than we had hoped to get the indictments against three of our boys dismissed. The frame up of the RED SQUAD, a vicious police force here was too obvious for the Magistrate, a fair sort of a man as judges go. We feel certain it was Cohens brilliant handling of the cases that carried both trials and we are much relieved that two of the men are free.

However, they were never the important issue in the arrest. It was and is Arthur Bertolotti whom the police wanted and when they failed the Immigration authorities have now. You see Arthur is the most outstanding comrade among the Italiens, very intelligent, well informed and an idealist if ever there was one. You would love Arthur if you knew him. Well, for years he has been a thorn in the eyes of the Fascists, not merely of the rank and file but of the Fascist authorities. That because Arthur fought them with out let up. He succeeded in disclosing a Fascist school in Windsor which was doing a lot of mischief and a great deal more which the black gang could not forgive. But it was not until the War measure came into effect that the Fascists decided to get Arthur. Well, they did. A. though twenty years in Canada has never taken out papers. He is like Sasha, he simply would not swear away his ideas. Unfortunately one can no longer live anywhere without some status. However, in Canada years of domicile counts and Arthur might be saved with a proper, and energetic campaign. That is just the rub here we have no movement and no comrades to speak off. ~~And then~~ In addition there are no public spirited men or women in this city, certainly none who would back an Anarchist. In point of fact the Liebrals are as yellow as the rest. We are therefore frightfully handicapped.

Well, I do not have to tell you what would happen to Arthur if he were sent to Italy. The very thought makes me shiver. We simply can not permit such a thing. So far I have carried the whole brunt of raising money for the defense almost alone. I have kept at the machine day and half the nights bombarding our New York Italiens and Speniards, and in a number of other cities for money. They have responded without delay, about \$1000 have come in, but that is nothing with the amount needed to rescue Arthur. You know yourself that Imm. cases are costly, so many incidentals connected with it. Our expenses so far, merely for attounneys fees and other matters have swalloed up more than we received. ~~Anyhow~~ But it is not only money, it is also some moral backing for Arthur. A sort of SAVE BERTALOTTI COMMITTEE, or something. The beginnin would have to be made from New York, and the various unions canvassed for moral and financial support.

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Now listen Fitzzi darling, I have been wracking my head whom I might get in New York to undertake the job, on ~~xxx~~ salary, to work up interest in Arthurs fate. It will mean death if he is shipped to Italy. In fact we learned on good authority that Italy knows all about it, and that she wants him back. But after long and careful consideration I came to the conclusion that there is no one in America as experienced and able as you. And I have decided to offer you a job for a month, or more if the case will need it, at a salary of \$25 a week. Naturally expenses will come extra. This of course if you are still without a job. Will you take it? It will relieve you for a while of the need of searching for a job, and it will help to rescue ~~you~~ one of our best and most worth while men from Mussolini's clutches. I must have an immediate answer, possibly by wire simply saying YES, or NO. If you will consent it maybe necessary for you to meet me at the Canadian side of Niagara Falls this coming Sunday, or still better come on here for a few days. Naturally your transportation will be paid. You could then meet and talk to our attorney, J.L. Cohen. He is deeply interested in Arthurs fate. He is the attorney for the trade union here, a most sincere and devoted person. He would explain the gravity of the case. You could also go to see Arthur in jail, just to convince yourself how fine he is and how very much worth while. And not the least by any means, we would have a few days together.

The work to be done will be something like what we did to save Sasha ~~xxxxxx~~ from Fickert. It will mean rousing interest of the Labor leaders, Dubinsky, ~~Hellman~~ and the others, especially of Italian adherents to the organizations as Arthur is known in America no less than here as an ardent anti Fascist and a tireless worker against the black scourge. And also to awaken interest among liber people. It should be easier now because the rotten Communists are losing ground in the trade unions. We can work out the details if you will, consent to take charge of the American end, or even only the New York end of saving Arthur from sure death.

The reason I said you'd have to come this week end is that I must go to Winnipeg the 27th for three weeks. I have promised and the comrades have made all arrangements so I must go much as I hate to leave Arthurs case for three weeks. But perhaps I can raise some money in W. for his fight. Anyhow, if you ~~xxx~~ accept my ~~offer~~ offer of the job I want you to come here this week end. There are usually cheaper rates at week ends. I will make use before I mail this.

Isn't it marvelous about Stella? She still seems to lack confidence in herself and she is so frightfully run down. But her mind is very clear. I had two letters from her, the first since she was stricken. They are remarkable. I hope fervently she may go on improving.

I have just found out that a return from New York here by day coach leaving New York 9,20 A.M. ~~xxxx~~ and arriving here at 8,20 P.M. costs 25 dollars. The first class coach ~~xxx~~ without sleeper \$31.43. It means saving ten dollars if you can go in the day time, say leave Saturday morning. But that we can decide when I hear from you whether you want to consider my offer at all.

Much love. Emma. I will send you the fare when I hear from you. Do not approach Mesca. I will let you know the reason.

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309 VICTORIA ROAD

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Nov. 13, 1939.

Dear Comrade:

I have written you in answer to your letter of last week. Today your letter of Nov. 9th arrived and I hasten to reply. I realize your difficulties in arranging the meetings, although I discovered on the F. A. S. list quite a number of subscribers to the paper and I am certainly surprised that though these comrades continue to show interest in the F. A. S. they lack interest in my coming to your city. Well, there is a saying in the Bible - that if the Lord will find one just man in a city that city will be saved. You being that just man, willing to undertake the task of arranging meetings for me, you will surely help to save Winnipeg.

I am not quite clear from your letter whether the few comrades who are helping you have sustained the loss of \$35.00 for the rent of the hall originally taken. I hope I am mistaken. It certainly would be too bad if the comrade who was entrusted with the cancelling the hall for the 12th had neglected to do so in time thereby having caused the loss. Please correct me if I am wrong. You remember you wrote me to wire so that you can advance the dates. I did so and certainly the telegram should have come in time to cancel the hall. As I said, I hope that I am mistaken and that you will write clearer about the matter.

I may leave here the 27th of this month, which is a Wednesday, or the latest the 28th. I am head over heels ~~in~~ with work to help save our comrade Bortolotti from deportation. The struggle we had for the others was as nothing compared with the fight that is before us. As we had suspected from the very beginning, the fascists are back of the whole trouble and they have prepared the ground for Arthur's being turned over to the "kindness" of Mussolini. The Immigration authorities seem to be ready to act accordingly. I do not have to tell you what would happen to Arthur if the authorities succeeded in shipping him to Italy. It is for this reason that the work must go on and I am engaged about sixteen hours out of twenty-four in trying to rouse the interest of our own comrades in this country and the United States as well as that of the people who claim to be anti-fascists and liberal.

This leads me to the ridiculous attitude of the Social-Democrats in the A. U. who seem to be under the impression that our comrades were arrested for anti-war work. There is no truth whatever in that. They were arrested because the fascists have been at work to achieve this for a long time and so was the Red Squad that has been after our people for several years. The war measure Section 39a gave them the psychologic moment to raid and

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arrest our Italian friends. Naturally they hoped to get away with it, but they failed utterly because the literature they collected proved to be material dated no more recent than 1937 and most of it dating back to the latter part of last century and the beginning of ours consisting of such dangerous books as *Memoirs of A Revolutionist* by Peter Kropotkin and some other of his works, and some pamphlets by Elysee Reclus, and also the ABC of Communist-Anarchism of Comrade Berkman, which was published about 1929 or 1930. In other words there was not a line against war discovered in all the material, hence the dismissal of the cases.

however, I want it clearly understood that unlike the Social-Democrats in your city and other cities our people have learned something from the last war. They are, therefore, not deceived in the new slogans which is hurling so many people into the impending war slaughter. They have learned that if Hitlerism is to be abolished it will have to be done from within Germany and by the German people and not by external forces, and the same holds good of all the other fascist and dictatorship countries. In other words, our people see clearly and that is more than can be said for the Socialists, Liberals everywhere, who never learn anything from history. This, however, does not mean that our friends were engaged in anti-war work. Nor were they found guilty of that by the Crown much as it tried.

Dear comrade, I wrote you in my last letter to let me know at once the subject you have chosen for my first Jewish lecture. I now must also ask you to be sure and let me know the subject you selected for the first English lecture December 3rd. It would not do to have the same lecture for both meetings, would it? If I am to speak for the Jews on the Stalin-Hitler Pact, perhaps the English subject should be Who Made Hitler? Be sure to mention that in your next letter. I have written Doherty in regard to a meeting for the I. W. W. in their hall and I have explained why it is necessary ~~that~~ my first meeting should be in a neutral hall. I am glad you have seen to it that the meeting Dec. 3rd is in a such a place accessible to all Gentiles. In your next letter send me a copy of your printing.

Fraternally,

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November 13 1939

E.G. Colton
295 Vaughan Road
Toronto Ontario
Canada.

Dear Friend ;

Your two letters has been received, of course we do not know if our information would be of any value, we hope at least that you heard the way we been help lately our comrades in France.

Of course we felt depressed toward our comrades of the General Council whom for the last six months have not considered the great possibilities of our organic body in this country.

In the last eighteen months we have send money to the amount of \$ 89.000.00 of which amount almost 40.000 have been send after their evacuation from Catalonia and the Central zone of Spain.

The last letter we received from France was dated 28 of August that means few days before the war was declare. Previous to that time all our monies were send to the address we send previously but owing to the general situation we decided to send it through comrade Galve in Bruxelles Belgium whom afterwar he send directly to Esgeas and nothing has been lost as we know, of course things change every day and we can tell you what or which way would the situation in Belgium any time

From France lately we received the bulletin and several others letters without censoring and for the last three months the Committee that Anderson tells you is the F.C.S.I. who was legally organize amongsts the sindacalist groups but this committee is been close by the French Government

From Mexico we also receive news and some of this days we send several packages of clothe for the refugees

Speaking about collective enterprises is very comon but for such things it requires a large amount of money and we think that those in Mexico been in a grave plight are much more better off than those in France and also those who were left behind.

Of course for such amounts as those you mention we think is much more better to employ then in cases as the one you are in hand today, keep us in contac and we see what help we can do to our comrades

From Belgium we received of course it takes time because mails are very slow, letter continually our comrade N. Galve perhaps you remember him from Paris his present address

N. Galve

23 Avenue General Sarrailh

IXELLES Bruxelles Belgium

he will write you in french if you desire

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fays Did you receive Culture?

We the most fraternal greetings

We remain yours

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Chicago, Nov. 13, 1939.

My Dear friend Emma:

I received your letter this morning, and am so very glad to hear that you are in good health. Olay is back, he just stayed a few days in N.Y., and since he is not busy, he does not have much work, I am sure he will be glad to accept any work that will come his way, one can't be very choosy when one has responsibilities of a family...

The friends that you mention in your letter, I have not seen for a long time, I am not much for going visiting, and I call them occasionally on the phone, but we do hope to see them all on the second of December, when we shall have a real Italian spaghetti dinner at a friend's house. This friend has a very large home, and we occasionally have such dinners to get all the friends together at one time and in that way it saves us a lot of trouble of seeing people individually, and too, it is an excellent way of spending an enjoyable evening. All people seem to enjoy a good Italian dinner, and since we are more or less of the older generation, and dancing and the lighter form of entertainment does not have the appeal for us. We look forward to these dinners with a great deal of anticipation.

I expect to see Joanne on Thursday night, she has not been very well, and expects to go to California for a month, but before she leaves, she wants to be assured that Millie and E. will be well taken care of in her absence, she is always concerned about making their stay in Chicago a pleasant one.

There is not much of importance to say, my best wishes to you, and our mutual friends,

Affectionately,

Anna Olay

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Nov. 13. 1939.

Dear E.G.

Thanks again for the very entertaining papers you sent regarding the trial of our friend A.B. They are a scream!

Of course we shall translate your letter for this week's issue. It might have been wiser to hold to your former resolution about the whole thing but as I said before you are the only judge.

Please do not think for a moment that in writing about "your state of nervousness" I intended any less than respectful allusion to your character. Now that you call my attention to it, I am afraid that in English that phrase might be so understood. But I want you to know that by nervousness I simply meant excitement, the state of taking one thing deeply at heart, according to the meaning we give nervousness in Italian. I know very well that you are more than capable of facing any kind of circumstances.

So far so good, about our friends. I imagine it was their good luck and ours of course, that you were at hand in their moment of trouble. From the record it appears that their lawyer was ^{really} not sleeping on his feet. Let us hope that A. B. will soon be free to go about his daily affairs.

Please give our fraternal greetings to our friends, especially to A.B. if you can reach him., and Joachim about whose fate nothing seems to be known.

Very Cordially yours

Nick Di Domenico

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Chicago, Ill., Nov. 13, 1939

My dear Emma Goldman:

The eleventh of November, which has always been such an important day in our lives, brought two important events. One was a letter from you and the other was a visit to my home by Matthew Schmidt. Dear old Schmidt, he looks the same as he did when I saw him last in San Quentin ten years ago. He doesn't look much older than he did when I saw him in a New York court room with Lura 24 years ago. A quarter of a century in San Quentin prison hasn't dimmed the spirit of our comrade. His interest in labor and a better world is as keen as ever. We had such a wonderful three hours together and talked much of you, and Lasha and the old comrades. He is very ambitious and is planning to get a better job. I wish I could write you some of the interesting things he told me; perhaps I will some day. For the present I have other things to say. He told me that Sean told him that you had seen Kaplan in London.

I am getting better. I had a left-sided hemiplegia, (paralysis) from which I am slowly recovering. I can walk and use my arm, although I have great difficulty in typing my shoes or buttoning my clothes. The only treatment I got is massage. I am on a rigid, high weighted diet and take insulin, about 50 units a day. There is considerable evidence that I will recover fully, although it may take months.

At 62, I have to begin life anew. I'm somewhat in the same position that I was when we separated and I came back to Chicago to start life anew. When I was 40 and well and strong and ambitious, Anna was such a delightful comrade and helped me, and we had Brutus and while I was in jail at Jarranville she took care of the home, and when I got out of jail I had a home and practice waiting for me. The ten years with Anna and Brutus were blessed. I made a great deal of money. Incidentally, I haven't made a living since she died ten years ago. This last illness of mine and being forced to give up my office and practice and be cut off from making a living was quite a shock to me, and my ego is considerably punctured, although the deflation is not complete. I never realized my limitations and poverty so much before in my life. In the 15 years I have been in my office, I've had over 6,000 patients. In 2 months they all disappeared, and not one account was collectible. My publishers, the Vanguard Press and Encaulay Company, both sent me a check when they learned I was ill. A few friends saw my needs and tried to help but "my public" deserted me.

I realize for the first time in my life that I didn't belong to the anarchists and the radicals, nor did I belong to the sociologists and criminologists, the groups that I have devoted so much of my time to in the last 20 years. You have so often quoted Eisen, "That man is strong who stands alone." I have been with the mobs and the crowds and the groups and the meetings so long that I had forgotten how to stand alone. And then, so to

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"speak, my left side was paralyzed and I became wobbly. I'm not frightened, nor fearful. I'm only shocked to find out how little use or value I have been to the multitudes I have worked with. I always felt that, if ever an emergency arose, some University or Foundation would give me a scholarship, or make me a grant that would enable me to do a sociological treatise covering my experiences with the unemployed and the hobo and the birth controllers and the anarchists. I have thousands of letters, pamphlets and documents which might easily be incorporated into a sociological treatise. I've applied to the Social Science Research Group, the Huggenheim Foundation, University of Chicago and a number of other groups and they have all turned me down. I'm either too old or too uneducated, or too limited - at least too unsatisfactory, for their use.

This, of course, is not surprising. It's only disconcerting-- to realize that you're not acceptable to God or the Devil. You always said I'd go back to the church - well, the joke of it is, the church don't want me. Even God is particular who he lets help him. My one ace in the hole is to go back to the practice of medicine. I'm sufficient of a charlatan to earn out an existence. I did so want to do some fundamental work in medicine, especially in the prevention of venereal disease. He had worked out a simple technique for the prevention of syphilis and gonorrhea, and had developed a satisfactory method of propaganda in teaching venereal disease prevention to the public. In fact, we were so successful in teaching it, the Chicago Board of Health and the U.S. Public Health Service, with whom I was associated for many years and on the payroll, kicked me out. They, too, will have none of me. Now, where can I go or hide; what's left for me to do?

No, I'm not discouraged. I have a home, a delightful big son, a beautiful 3 year old daughter and a comrade, and I have a feeble will to go on. I'd like to do a biographical novel and tell about the wonderful movements and propaganda that I've been associated with. I hope this message finds you well and cheerful, and that you are doing the things you want to do.

With love,
(signed) Ben

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November 14, 1939.

Miss Emma Goldman
295 Vaughan Road
Toronto, Canada

Dear Miss Goldman:

In reply to your letters of October 28th and November 11th, let me say first that these Canadian cases cannot be called to the attention of our Board as the Union takes no cognizance of civil liberties matters outside the United States. My offer to you to publicize these cases here was entirely unofficial and personal. I thought I might have time to write the item for the Nation and New Republic, but when I found that I was unable, I asked a friend, a journalist, to do this, also personally.

Before he had a chance to undertake anything, an article appeared in the Nation which of course cancelled anything of that sort in the New Republic. However, I shall call the New Republic editor's attention to the situation and ask if they want to make an editorial comment on the recent developments.

I am sorry I cannot be more helpful to you in Roger's absence, but as I stated before this is a matter which the Union cannot go into officially.

Sincerely yours,

LBM:DG

Secretary.

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MILLY WITCOP RUCKER C110

14/1139

My dearest Emma,

I was ever so glad to hear that you have received the money from Eva. My colonists are a fine bunch. You would be surprised, if you would know how few they are there in the winter time, and how poor the majority of them are.

I am writing to another friend in the colony that she should arrange some sort of an affair in her own house for the same purpose. She will do it, if she possibly can, and send you the money she will make.

As regards ourselves, I hardly need to assure you that we will do all we can. As a matter of fact that was the very first of our work here, even before the lectures began. From Detroit you must have received the money which Lorin sent you and also that from the Spanish Sweetip. The news which we were told in Chicago about the two hundred dollars which the Ldd ^{contribution} ~~launched~~ ^{is} deeply.

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I have asked C.V. Cook about what he has done with the list which you ^{have} sent him, before you received your letter. His answer was that he did not do anything yet. I have told him how urgent the matter was, and he promised me to get busy, I hope that you will hear from him soon.

The Italians are arranging an affair for the purpose and you will hear from them, as soon as they are through. The Spaniards I could not locate yet, but I will one of these days, and find out what they are doing. We certainly must do all that we possibly can to save the poor fellows' health, that is clear, to one and all of us. The mere fact that you have already realized that much more, under such trying circumstances is a sufficient proof how great the interest for him is. We must not forget that the same people or almost the same, have made quite an effort to bring ^{out} the big issue of the F.A.S. It was a tremendous task, and people have given more than they possibly could afford.

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About Rudolf's work I have written, believe, from Detroit. There he had apart from the affair for the F.A.P. four lectures, in Chicago he only had one, and the banquet for the F.A.P. Here the first lecture took place Sunday the 12th. We have had a crowded hall and the most enthusiastic audience which I have seen in years. The subject was: the poet between Hitler and Stalin. That of course is the topic of the day as you know.

Quite a number ~~of~~ of lectures are arranged in Yiddish and in English in Los Angeles and vicinity. We shall stay here till the second of January. Then we are making the tour back. I hope that we shall soon have the money for our dear boy, so that we can start to work for our poor Spanish friends.

Your wish dearest that the trip will bring enough financial results for us that Rudolf could ^{without} work at his desk again with a clear head ~~for a time~~ we gladly share. But we are not worried about it. We hope that it will be alright. We do not expect much so we will not be disappointed.

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This for the present, if there will be
some important news, I shall soon write
again.

Fondest love from us both to you
fraternal greetings to the boys and all
the other friends

Milly

Love to you from all the comrades

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Nov. 15, 1939.

Mr. Malcolm Cowley, Editor,
The New Republic,
40 East 49th St.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Cowley:

I do not know whether we have ever met. Nevertheless, you are not a stranger to me and I would like to believe that you have some knowledge of me and my work.

Enclosed please find an article about the recent attempt of the Dominion Police to railroad several Italian Anti-Fascists to Prison. I should, of course, address it to the Editors of the New Republic, but I happen to know that mail is censored at this end and I am afraid neither the letter nor the article would reach your office were I to address it to the paper. This explains why I am having the outside addressed to your name.

Another matter. You will see that I have not signed my name to the article. It was quite a struggle to refrain from it, but it was seriously suggested to me that I might jeopardize my stay in Canada were the article to appear over my signature. You see, I have experienced deportation before and I am still under its effects. I, therefore, feel it will be best not to risk another dose.

I hope the article will meet with your interest and approval and that you will bring it in the near future in The New Republic. I feel certain that it would help those of us who work for Arthur Bortolotti to save him from a visit to Mussolini. Please publish it. However, if you find it too long, please use it in your editorial. The main thing is that the issue should be made broadly known, as it is very serious and fraught with danger.

In case you wish to write me better address me under Mrs. E. G. Colton to the above address.

Sincerely yours,

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Nov. 16, 1939.

Dear N. D.:

Thanks for your letter. It took three days to get here. You will understand the reason. I decided to sign the little appeal in your paper because I believe, maybe foolishly so, that it may carry greater weight with the Italian comrades through the States. I hope so anyway because the amounts credited in the paper is woefully small and certainly will not help us to save A. B. As long as it isn't "complimentary" to the powers ~~that~~ that be at this end I don't think they will bother.

I am enclosing a copy of a letter I just wrote to one of the Spanish friends of SIA. You will see that in our desperation I have decided to get someone in New York who will canvass the big unions. I am afraid that if we will depend on the contributions made by our own immediate comrades we will never raise the sum needed for our campaign. You probably realize that we have to help not only Arthur but another young friend of ours who is also in trouble. Unfortunately it has been impossible to write about him at length. He is sick and he needs a change of climate. That is all I can tell you by letter. If the friend from New York pays me a visit, I will have her report to you all about the case. If not someone from here will most likely go to Detroit. In any event, we have a big job on our hands, dear comrade. I am afraid it will be a difficult and an expensive job.

Dear Comrade, you do not have to explain anything to me. I understood your meaning in the first place and I am quite certain that you had no desire to hurt my feelings. But you are quite right when you say that you had in mind "a state of taking a thing deeply to heart." Yes, indeed; I have taken the cases of our Italian friends very much to heart; but even more so the plight of our splendid A. B. I have known many, many Italian comrades in my fifty years. A. B. stands out in character and zeal as among the very few it has been my fortune to meet. I feel as deeply as a mother for her child. That is but natural. In any event you need not explain or apologize ever. I feel certain that nothing is further away from you so much as wanting to hurt me.

Yes, I am rather glad that I was here when our friends were arrested. You have no idea how poor we are in comrades in this city. Nevertheless it is a fact that a few of them, especially our English comrade whose name is Dorothy, have helped in every way. But, of course, having been in the movement for fifty years it is easier for me to make appeals for financial aid. I only wish I would have met with greater success.

Thanks for the paper. I am glad you appreciate the sincerity and zeal of our attorney. I assure you he is an exceptional man in the profession. He just called up that he was coming to see me this

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evening so I may have something to add to this letter. I am very anxious to see him because Arthur caught a severe cold in jail and was yesterday transferred to the prison hospital. From my personal experience I know that they are hideous places. Mr. J. L. C. was to get an outside doctor today who would find out whether our friend is seriously ill. We will then try our utmost to get him out on bail. But as I said, I will add a few lines before mailing this. Maybe also something about Joachim. You can rest assured that though I didn't mention him we are looking after his case with the same concern as the others.

Cordially,

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J. HENEY

Nov. 16, 1939.

Dear Fellow-worker Heney:

Comrade Dorothy let me read her letter of Nov. 13th. It is very kind of you and the other fellow-workers to be so generous about the Finnish Hall for some meetings, and it was also very kind indeed of the fellow-workers who offered their hospitality and even the use of their car. Such warm comradeship makes it easier to go on with the bitter struggle for those of our comrades in distress and I appreciate such solidarity very deeply, indeed.

You did not write whether the Finnish Hall attracts workers outside of the foreign element because as I have already written you several times, I find it of the greatest importance to reach workers and the professional intelligentsia Canadians. That is a ~~very~~ point which must be considered before any meetings are undertaken. There is another point and that is that the hall will be taken between the 15th of December and the 1st of January. Yet that may be the only time when I will be able to come to Port Arthur. Of course, if something comes of Vancouver, then I will not be able to return to Toronto until after the new year and then I will naturally want to stop off in your town. So far Vancouver looks hopeless. No answer whatever from the Jewish radicals I have written to, a very discouraging letter from Battaglia, and a mix-up with my letter to Dixon which was returned because the number of the box was wrongly addressed.

Now, my last lecture in Winnipeg, as far as I know now, will be the 17th of December. If no further meetings will be forthcoming I shall want to return to Toronto at once because of the urgent need of my being here for the work of our fellow-worker A. B. However, I could, in a pinch, stop off in Port Arthur for a few meetings, but since you say that the Finnish Hall will then not be available it will be doubly necessary to try for another hall. Will you see about it and let me know the prices?

I appreciate the suggestion of free admission. I am sorry to say that my experience with this, or even silver collection, has been that it has never covered expenses. In view of the fact, that the railroad expenses in Canada are terrific and I, myself, have no other source of livelihood than lectures and my pen it would be rather a great risk to have meetings free. But we are not there yet and we can discuss the matter again. Comrade Dorothy will add a few lines telling you all about our struggle to save Arthur.

Fraternally,

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EG to Fund body
Gonzalez

Dear Friends:

I received your good letter of November 13th yesterday. I thank you for the information you gave me about the Italian refugees in France. I was amazed to see that the IIA had received 300,000.00 in the past fifteen months. That is a very remarkable achievement and you and the other comrades of IIA deserve the highest praise. I am delighted to hear that some of the refugees are working at their particular trades and were thereby saved from the horrors of the concentration camps. I was also glad to learn that their possible entry into other countries is being organized.

You are certainly right when you say that the refugees in France are in a worse condition than the comrades in Mexico. Still, while they are not in camps and permitted to work about, they seem to have a terrible struggle to exist and finally to organize some sort of a collective life on the land or in industries. I, therefore, feel that if there is any possibility at all, they should be helped; but you are quite right that collectivization means a great deal of money. However, I agree with you that each case must be dealt with as it comes along.

This brings me to the fifty Spanish refugees who have in England. Before the terrible end of our Comrade Yezhov he wrote me that 250 a week were regularly sent to the need of the comrades in England. That seems to have covered only one month, because I know that they have received nothing since. The situation which I left in the hands of Comrade Ethel Hamlin, a well-known British writer and a very devoted comrade, has tried hard to raise money that would secure the refugees in England; but since the war it has been extremely difficult for her to have any response to the many appeals she has sent out. A letter from her dated October 26th tells me that very little money is left in the treasury of the London section of the IIA. Of course, since my arrival in Canada I have sent about \$11.00 from the money I raised through my appeals; but you will agree that it does not mean much for fifty people.

So, here, we are in a dilemma. Until the arrest of our Italian friends, I was able to raise some money through lectures. Then, such as my arrest, I had to stop working for our Spanish comrades and take up the fight for our Italian comrades. I am, therefore, not in a position to continue to send anything to England. We still have a little in our treasury which I mean to send to the needy comrades in France, for, as I said, I agree with you that they are in a worse condition than any of the comrades in Mexico.

Yes, I know M. Olive very well, indeed. I first came to know him in Paris and saw him again when he came back to Barcelona.

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in 1938, I am not clear what he is doing in France. Is he able to raise funds, or not?

Thank you for the bulletin you sent me. It was interesting, but, as you say, it is extremely difficult to correspond with France or to expect to get replies. It takes so many weeks. However, I will write Olive and find out what his connections are with Paris.

Now, about the Italian comrades. Our troubles have by no means ended with the liberation of two of the Italian friends. On the contrary, they have only now begun. I don't know whether you have had any experience with the Italian comrades. They are very costly "pleasures." It is not a question of one or two hundred dollars. It may run up to several thousand, because so many extra expenses are involved that if you nothing to do with the fee of the attorney. I am convinced that unless we can reach the labour organizations, we will probably not be able to save Arthur Borolotti from the terrible fate of a visit to Mussolini. Since we cannot expect either the Italian comrades or IIA to raise the necessary funds, it is doubly imperative to reach the labour organizations who pretend liberalism. With this in mind, I am now in correspondence with a dear friend of mine who has had a tremendous amount of experience with all sorts of defence cases and who is a great organizer. Everybody knows her and she knows everybody in labour and radical circles. I have proposed to her a job for four weeks at a salary, of course, to reach such organizations as the I.L.O., U.S., and the other trade organizations and such that have a large adherence of Italians. It would not hurt them in the least, if they were to contribute it. If not, I intend to send someone down to New York to meet with you and with all the other comrades of IIA, with the various Italian organizations as well as the Jewish comrades. Naturally, she will have a letter of introduction from me. This may seem a useless expense, but when I tell you that dozens of letters everyday have brought response only from IIA, I believe that with a smaller contribution, you will realize the importance of someone going to New York and explain the whole situation. I intend to think that the comrades will find it an extravagant. That is precisely the reason why I would like the matter explained in person to you and the other friends in New York. This will have to be done before I leave for England November 27th, as there is no one here to take my place or the place of the friend who will go, unless our New York comrades will accept my proposition. I have to leave at this stage of the game, but I have also my disappointed and disappointed comrades as I was to be there the 15th of November and I cannot possibly disappoint them again. Unless I may be able to raise some money for the defence of Arthur at my meetings.

Dear friends, I hope to hear from you before I leave. If not, write me c/o Dr. J. G. Givens, 320 Boyd Ave., Winnipeg, Man. Unless the comrades who have been ardently working with me here have to go to New York, who will remain in charge of the fight. They will have the right to open all my letters, to sign cheques and have whatever money will be necessary. However, you will hear from me again when I know just exactly who will take up the New York end of this solidarity.

With kind greetings to all the comrades,
Forever yours, Emma Goldman

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Emma dear

I did not write you sooner
because I wanted to enclose a check
at least for 5000 This is my own
contribution - it is difficult to raise
money. The Power is going to
give an affair and it will be
in the future since the
newest of them are -

This week Emma Goldman
was here and he thought it was
not wise to lecture at this time.

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"I am at 'The Mission's' mission" I hope
 I will be off before very long.
 Write me how far you are & what
 you are doing - are you going west
 as soon as I sell some of your
 books. I will send you the money
 make our friends will let me
 replace of them - do you want?

Will write you soon again
and will send you the
Bible which I have been able
to obtain at your correspondence -
and the new book the Lord
Love him Jay + myself -

I am going to see one of the
new bar men this week about
placing of an article. I will let you
know in some as I have miss-
ed to tell you before.

I am going to California for the
winter of December. Will see
Bradford & Miss ^{The} before I leave.

I arranged a lecture for
 March when the lecture is early in Feb-
 ruary. I have given 2 or 3 articles I
 have written on the subject. The Russian betrayal
 in Spain - since the Spanish pushed

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How be some fine letter-
I go to London I will try to
meet you - it will be a head
of time
Love Jeanne.

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TELEPHONE MELROSE 2221

Emma Goldman

289 VAUGHAN ROAD

TORONTO Nov. 17th 39
ONTARIO

Dear Harry. The inclosed letter to Fitz speaks for itself. It will show you how desperate Arthur Bortolotti's ~~own~~ plight is and how imperative the need of someone taking up the job of organizing moral and financial aid for him in New York. Especially as we can get no publicity whatever from the press here. I thought of Fitz because I suspected she was still without a job, and also because she is so well known and has the necessary experience. Well, she and Pauline called me from New York on the phone last night. Fitz said she has a job in view in a week or two and she could not begin the job which she would have to drop if the other came along. Both Fitz and P. ~~have~~ suggested you and they added they would help and get others to help.

Now, it goes without saying that you are as equipped as Fitz to undertake the job of creating some kind of a ~~campaign~~ campaign in New York for Arthur Bortolotti whom you have met here. And also that you have entry to the unions such as the I.L.O.W.U. the Hillman crowd and a lot more. And that you also have access to the liberals not poisoned by the Communist gang. Lastly, but most important you have handled more than one case like Arthur's. My one fear is that you ~~have~~ seem to have no fighting spirit left. At least you gave me this impression when you were here. You seem to be caught in a fog of black pessimism without the old go and determination. I may be mistaken. I hope I am, because I know no one next to Fitz in whose dependability I have faith as much as in you.

Now, if you feel that you would and could jump into the fry ~~pan~~ then it would have to be on the same ~~terms~~ terms.

Will you therefore think the matter over and write me as soon as possible. I am worn out from the struggle which I have been carrying on almost single handed with bombarding our people in A. by dozens of daily letters, besides the anxiety ~~over~~ over Arthur's plight. I don't see how we can hope to win unless we have some moral backing from the States and financial aid from the unions.

Our attorney who has proven a cracker jack fighter and singularly devoted to Arthur, may go to New York to place the fight before the labor organizations. But of course he could not ask for ~~our~~ contributions. Incidentally, he presents the union here, has just led the steel strike successfully, he would therefore have no trouble in going before the Dubinsky, Hillman and others. But it would have to be someone else to go after material help. I realize J.L. Cohen trip to New York would mean a large expense, nor would it be necessary if some competent person would organize a campaign. Only thought of this as a last resort. Anyhow write without delay. We will see then.

Affectionately

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Emma Goldman

213 VAUGHAN ROAD

TORONTO
ONTARIO

Nov. 17, 1939.

Dearest Milly:

Your letter of the 14th reached me this morning. I had heard, meanwhile, from comrade Herman of the Kropotkin Arbeiter Ring Branch. They sent \$31.00 for the defence and told me that you had made the appeal. Imagine, I wrote the same group the moment the trouble here began, but it required your presence to get them busy to action. I realize that the comrades away from here cannot grasp the gravity of Arthur's situation. Besides it is not only Arthur, it is also another immigration case.

By the way, the dear friend whom you met in Detroit has gone back there to see the comrades and to give them a personal account of the struggle we are making here. I have arranged with her to write you from there in detail about Arthur's status and that of the other young comrade. You will then realize what we are up against. In point of fact, the whole business is so involved that we will never extricate our friends unless we can raise a substantial fighting fund. For instance, it is necessary to go to Quebec for the other comrade. It is essential to go to Ottawa and to Montreal. There is no one else but our good friend, J. L. Cohen, who can do it. Naturally, it means considerable expenses for travel, hotel, etc. It may also be necessary to go to New York. All in all, we are up against the question of material means.

I had hoped that Fitz, who has been out of a job for some time, would be able to act as organizer for our friends here, cover the large unions for substantial contributions, get after the liberals who haven't been entirely poisoned by the Communist gang. Naturally, I offered her a salary of \$25.00 a week besides expenses. Yesterday she called me up on the 'phone that she couldn't take it. She was expecting a job and she couldn't very well begin in behalf of Arthur and then have to drop it in a week or two. She suggested Harry Kelly. Of course, I know his ability and experience and also the respect he has from all quarters in radical ranks in New York; but the trouble about Harry is he has lost his fighting spirit. He is really a living corpse. When he was here, he filled everybody with his black pessimism. I cannot see how any man in such a condition can get any results. Nevertheless, I have written him because I am simply desperate over the fatal outcome which is confronting Arthur. In any event, it is certain that unless we can get some substantial contributions from such bodies as the I.L.G.W.U. or the Millman outfit, or the Italian organized workers, we will fail in our efforts. After all, our own comrades have already done quite a bit and probably will do more, but what they can give will not cover our needs.

Meanwhile, dearest, I must ask you to persevere in your efforts in Los Angeles for our two dear boys. They are both wonderful people and deserve all the efforts we can make, so push the Italians in the affair they intend to have and go after the Spanish comrades.

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I am sure I cannot imagine where your informers got the information that the F.A.S. has contributed \$200.00. The F.A.S., according to a letter from Freedman has collected something like \$60.00 as a gift for my seventieth anniversary. Until now I haven't received a single cent, and it is the same about the contributions that may have come in as a result of my appeal. In point of truth, our people at the F.A.S. are interested only in the paper and in nothing else. I shall, therefore, be very much surprised if they sent \$200.00. Meanwhile, darling, do not always believe what you hear. Our people have a way of concocting the most fantastic stories.

As to Cook, I am glad he said he would start something, but I am bitterly disappointed that he waited all these weeks. I wonder what the reason is, since he was always so prompt and eager to act upon any request I made.

I had a letter from Senia with the terrible news that Molly had an attack on her jaw. For three days she could not open her mouth, even for fluid nourishment. Senia took her back to Dr. Fuller, to whom I had taken Molly two or three years ago. He ordered absolute rest and quiet. Nevertheless, he had a consultation with two other doctors, one of them gave her something and the other advised an operation. The latter being a very dangerous thing, Senia and Molly sensibly will not accept it unless it is a last resort. Our unfortunate Molly. What she has already gone through and this horrible thing on her jaw. In addition Senia has lost his job. I do not know how they live. I haven't the remotest idea what can be done to get some money for them. I sent her a cheque for \$14.00 which I still had in the Goldman Bank, but what is that? I feel rotten about them and about the situation here.

I do hope that Rudolf's tour will be a real success. There is no reason why it should not be. California has always been fertile soil for him. Jeanne wrote me that she expects to arrange a big English meeting on his return. At the same time I received a letter from Anna Olay that Jeanne has not been at all well and that she is going to California for a month. Whether this means right away or in January when you people will be back in Chicago, I do not know.

I am enclosing a copy of an article in re the cases here. Use the material in the appeals you make.

With fraternal greetings to all the comrades and love to you and Rudolf.

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Emma Goldman

215 VAUGHAN ROAD

TORONTO Nov. 27th 39
ONTARIO

Dearest Fitz, dearest Pauline. It was grand to hear your voices but bitterly disappointing that you darling Fitz could not accept my offer to act for our two unfortunate friends in New York. Yes we have two though I only mentioned Arthur. You will understand why when you will get a letter from Dorothy Rogers who is going to Windsor and Detroit this afternoon. Pauline met Dorothy. She is a beautiful creature in her ~~comradeship~~ comradeship and friend. She has worked with Arthur for five years and she would go through fire for him. I am sending her to D. because there are cheap rates from here at week ends. And even more so because it is impossible to write details as mail is certainly being intercepted. She will therefore mail this from Detroit and she will also write you important particulars.

Dearest, if you are tired then of course there is nothing more to say about your acting in the capacity of organizer in Arthurs behalf. But the fact that you have hopes for a job in a week or two seems a poor excuse. You could easily start the ball arolling and find someone to take your place. You two suggested Harry. I know he would do his best if he undertook the job. But the rub is that Harry is completely fagged out. He has no spirit or energy left. He is so pessimistic and dead he could not rouse a cat. So what effect would he have. Then too, it is certain that a woman would move the damned Alrighnikes at the head of the Jewish labor bodies quicker than Harry. Especially one like you who is so known and so liked. I would not urge you if I did if I did not know how very grave Arthurs case is and also that of the other comrade. However, if you would rather not take on the job while you are waiting for another, alright. I am writing Harry though I have no faith in his capacity to interest people or get funds from Dubinsky or Hillman or any of the Italian labor leaders.

You both say you would help Harry. I don't see how because you dearest Pauline wrote me you could do nothing, as your time is taken up. And you Fitz do not want to begin because of your proposed job. So where will you find time? You both must realize that it needs a live wire to interest the studgy gang who are too centered on their own interests. I tell you I am desperate to carry the load without adequate help and a fighting fund. Our attorney who represents organized labor here would go to New York to approach the labor leaders but he certainly could not be expected to appeal for funds. All he could do would be to present the cases and ~~their arguments~~ their effect on the fate of the tow comrades.

Well, I have to depend on you to do at least this, find some dependable and able person who has access to the unions and is known to the leaders. Who also has access to some of the outstanding liberal elements. Now that the Fellow Travelers have run to cover there must be a few left who are bold enough to help other creatures than the Communist victims. Whatever you do my dears please act quickly and write me.

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Dearest Pauline, Minna is a fool. She said nothing in her letter about anything you sent her for me to sign. She waited weeks and weeks and then wrote she was going to send out a letter asking for one dollar contribution to the original plan of a Spanish Fund as a testimonial to me. Then when she got my letter about the Italian cases she decided to do something about that first. Then she went to H.W. and when she discovered that he had written the Commissioner about me she dropped everything. She ends up, "we need you dear Emma and we are waiting for your" or some such idiotic thing. Only a fool can give up a job she plans to undertake on the vague possibility of my being readmitted. For the love of Mick, Arthur will be in some concentration camp in Italy or dead if he had to wait until I will get back to A. I have no patience with such stupidity. Moreover, it really means passing up the buck. If I should get to A. I will hardly need M.L. to help me. There is simply no reliance on people like M. who talks an awful lot and does little. The only person she really worked for devotedly was Sasha. And I was glad for his sake. But I do not expect anything from her for me or anyone else. No, my darlings, if Arthur is to be helped you'll have to think up someone else. So go ahead.

With love.

Dear Bob, Please call up
Hul cabin Caneley at the New
Republic & ask him if
my article about the transfer
reach him & if he will
use it. I did not dare
to address it to the paper
It went to his name

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Chicago, Nov. 17, 1939

Dear Emma:

I am enclosing check for \$10.00. Please send receipt to J. Centeno, Box 814, Gary, Indiana.

I was in New York only two days. I happened to be the chairman of both sessions and I read your letter. It was decided to donate \$150.00 immediately and if necessary send more later. I was very much impressed by their international spirit, as I was afraid that the nationalistic bug had entered some of them. And I was very much surprised that a motion to donate \$400.00 immediately got 11 votes.

Anna tells me that you have some work for me. Please send it along and since in my work there are ups and downs - some days having work for 8 hours and others only for a few, I will take care of it as the occasion may require it.

Last night we had a meeting with Mrs. Leavy and her husband about arranging a big lecture for n. when he comes back from Calif. The plans are fine and if carried out we shall expect a good attendance. As you know, she is leaving for Calif in two weeks.

We are now also quite busy working for the bazaar that will take place next week. Last year we had a good success and we expect that this year will be still better, since we are going in partnership with the Workmen's Circle.

Well, that'll be all for today.

Yours,

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Emma Goldman

288 VAUGHAN ROAD

TORONTO

ONTARIO

Nov. 18, 1939.

Dear Harry:

In my letter to you yesterday I forgot to tell you that I sent a transcript of the court proceedings of the two trials to Fitzi thinking that she would want to acquaint herself with the details of the cases before she takes on the job. But as I did already write you, she feels that she cannot undertake the work to rouse interest in the case of Arthur Bortolotti. I would, therefore, ask you to get the transcript and go over it, provided, of course, you will consent to act as the representative of A.B. and even more so of the defence. Whatever you decide, dear Harry, I must have a speedy answer. Wire me ~~yes or no~~ and follow up your wire with a letter.

The first and the most important thing to do is to approach some of the outstanding labour leaders of the Jewish and Italian organizations with a view of getting them to meet Mr. J. L. Cohen, A.C. He would come on to New York to tell the story and to impress upon them the grave danger to Arthur unless some action is taken. Perhaps you could get them to a luncheon for which, of course, the defence will pay. Get a half dozen of these men to a decent restaurant and give them something good to eat and drink, as Fitzi and I did to save Sasha. When you can arrange for a date when this luncheon can take place, I mean just exactly when men like Lubinsky and others can meet Cohen, he will immediately proceed to New York. Then after he has made them aware of the grave situation, it will be your job to appeal to these trade unionists for financial support. The expenses are going to be very steep and we cannot hope to raise so much money from our comrades. It is up to the I.L.G.W.U. and the others to come to the rescue of Arthur, as they have in previous cases. Perhaps you can get hold of Al Faj Cohen, who is with the Millman organization. He certainly ought to be able to help. Tell him for me that it will mean sure death for Arthur, if the immigration authorities succeed in deporting him. It would be nothing less than a crime not to morally and financially back Arthur in his struggle for life. I hope, dear Harry, that you will take the job on the same conditions I offered Fitzi. Both she and Pauline said they would help you to the best of their ability; so did Fruchtner. Between the four of you something ought to be achieved.

Later, it will be necessary to take up some of the liberal elements to protest against the conspiracy started by the Fascists in this city to get rid of A.B. However, I must warn you not to approach Tresca. You know the feud that has existed for years between the L'A group and T, and while Arthur is not bigoted as some of our comrades are, he will not want any help whatever from Tresca, and his group.

I cannot tell you how worried I am and how anxious about A.B. It would be a terrific loss to our Italian ~~activities~~ activities if Arthur cannot be rescued from his doom, so please get busy and wire

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me at once. If you send a night letter, you can send me fifty words. Then you can tell me if you are taking the job and whatever other instructions you want.

Affectionate greetings to Leah and yourself.

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M. O'Leary

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Nov. 18, 1939

Dear Comrade Olaj: I had not known who you had loved I thought you
one to live so many things through one day that I simply lose
track of certain things to do. A dear friend of ours had to go to
Detroit yesterday morning and I prepared a number of letters for her
to mail from there. For the life of me I cannot remember whether
I also wrote you and sent you the enclosed article for translation.
I had fully intended to do it, but I am sure only of one thing and that
is the instruction I gave our friend to write you from Detroit about
the present status of A.B. as well as a Cuban friend. It is impossible
to do it from here, and I, therefore, asked her to write to a number
of our people that may realize how grave both cases are and how
urgently help is needed.

This afternoon I got your letter and it created doubt in my mind whether I actually did give our friend a letter to you. So I hasten to write you and to send you the enclosed.

I want this article translated and sent to our South American press. I take it that you have the addresses of papers like Protesta and others. If so, please make a number of copies, signed with my name and send it to them. It is of importance that our Spanish speaking comrades should know that our Comrade Arthur is in dire danger and that the matter should be publicized. Here, we are confronted with a conspiracy of silence on the part of the press. A friend of mine has sent an article to The New Republic, but is not saying whether that pseudo-liberal magazine will bring it. The Nation did have an article ~~with~~ which dealt with the new War Measure and also about the arrest of the boys. I am hoping that the editor of The Nation, whom I know well, will bring a letter I am writing to her stressing the fate that is awaiting A. B. through the Immigration authorities. Perhaps it will well to add to the article the statement which I sent out, copy of which I enclose. It will be a loss of time, if you will send the Spanish text to me to sign. You can add a line and tell our comrades that I have asked you to sign for me. I would like to have a copy for my own personal keeping.

Yes, I think our Spanish comrades are wonderful. In all the fifty years of my activities I did not find in our ranks any other group of people so beautifully generous, so eager to give and to help. People laugh at me when I tell them that when one asks a Spaniard for a cigarette he gives you the whole package and is insulted if you do not take it. In all my life I have not met with such warm hospitality. Comradeship and solidarity. I know no other people who beat them. You certainly lifted a load from my heart when you wrote me that \$400.00 were voted at the sessions for the defence here. I am in correspondence with Comrade Gonzales. I feel certain that he will send the balance after he gets my letter telling him of the fighting.

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I cannot understand Joanne. I have written her several times about the urgent need to have some undertaking in Chicago for our fight. I have had only one answer from her to all my letter and there she doesn't mention a word about going to California. Joanne can do an awful lot. Perhaps she doesn't realize the gravity of the case. I will have to write her again on Monday. I will send a receipt for the \$10.00 to the Comrade in Indiana. Give my affectionate greetings to Anna.

My dear friend - I actually received your letter to me - and I was
glad to hear from you. I am well and hope this letter finds you
the same. I am sure you are. I am sure you are. I am sure you are.

I would like to have a copy for my own personal keeping. I add a line and tell our copyists that I have asked you to send me a copy. If you will send the Spanish text to me so soon. You can send which I sent out, copy of which I enclose. It will be a loss. Perhaps it will well to add to the article the contents. Strangely the fact that is awaiting a. I through the investigation Nation, whom I know well, will bring a letter I am writing to her about the report of the boys. I am hoping that the editor of the did have an article which dealt with the new war measures and also say whether that pseudo-19th-century material will print it. The Nation friend of mine has sent an article to The New Republic, but is no longer in contact with a comrade of mine on the part of the press. I am sure that the matter should be published. Here, we are Spanish speaking countries should know that our countryman is in with my name and send it to them. It is of importance that our friends and others. If so, please make a number of copies, send me a few. I want this article translated and sent to our friends.

Yes, I think our Spanish sources are wonderful. In all the last years of my activities I did not find in any other group of people so practically numerous, so eager to give and to help. I think I can say that when I tell them that when one makes a decision to devote his whole life to the whole problem and he himself is not a Communist, I think I have not met with such great sympathy. I know no other people who are more Communist and sincerely. You certainly lifted a load from my heart when you wrote me that you were voted in the elections for the National Party. I am in

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295 Vaughan Rd.,
Toronto, Ont.,
Nov. 20, 1939.

Dear Herbert:

It was a great relief to get your letter of the 7th. I was so afraid that my letter might have been intercepted or gotten lost in the transport. I am glad that it reached you. After all, thirteen days is not a long time during a war period for letters to traverse.

I am delighted to know that you wrote an article from the material I sent you for the New Statesman. I hope they printed it. If it appears, please be sure to send me a couple of copies. In this city our great stumbling block is the conspiracy of silence. Even the pseudo-liberal Toronto Star has so far kept mum on the trial of our Italian friends and now on the struggle to save Arthur Bortolotti from sure death should the Immigration authorities succeed. An article has gone to the New Republic. We haven't yet heard from them so I cannot tell whether it will appear or not. The Canadian Forum has refused an article, but one went into the Commonwealth, the official paper of the Canadian Commonwealth Federation. This is, of course, better than nothing, but will certainly not set the house on fire. So you see our difficulties in publicising the danger that is threatening our splendid comrade.

The one factor that gives me courage to go on is our attorney, Mr. J. L. Cohen, K. C., whose address is ~~100 Adelaide St. W., Toronto.~~ He has proven to be magnificent in his skill and brilliancy in handling the defence of our friends; and it is entirely due to him that the charges against them of having "printed and distributed literature, etc., as well as the possession of two rusty revolvers" have been dismissed. Two of the Italians are free. Not so A. B. You will see by the enclosed copy of a short statement I have written that our fight has actually now begun. I am also sending you the complete transcript of the Court proceedings which will give you a full account of the attempt made to frame our people and especially Arthur and of the splendid fight Cohen has made.

We actually have two comrades who are held by the Immigration authorities. The other is a Cuban whom we have for a number of reasons decided not to feature, but we are working for him just the same. The trouble is that he is unknown even among the comrades so it is more difficult to do anything for him; but, of course, we have not neglected him. His hearing comes up tomorrow (the 21st) so we will know what's what.

About Arthur, it is another matter. His case is very grave and unless we succeed it will mean sure death, or, if not that, slow death in an Italian concentration camp. We are, therefore, working day and night to save him. We are hoping to create "A Save Bortolotti Committee" in this city and from here, perhaps, we can get adherents in Montreal and possibly also in a few large cities in the United States. You know, yourself, that this means a slow and painful process besides a large expense.

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It would be wonderful if you were to succeed in getting the threatening danger to A.B. before the mouse. The papers would then be compelled to give it publicity and, of course, it would go a long way to making the Immigration authorities in this city realize that people cannot be picked up and turned over to totalitarian countries which would spell sure death to them.

I am leaving for Winnipeg the 27th of this month, though I hate to leave our fight at this stage. I will be there until about the 20th of December. You may be wondering why I go off to Winnipeg. It is because I have tried every time I was in Canada to get to the West and have failed. This time, after many letters, I have finally roused the comrades to arrange five lectures. They were to begin the 12th of November and I had to postpone it for a month. This time I simply must go as the comrades have undergone a lot of expenses for halls and printing so I cannot disappoint them; but I can assure you that I will leave my heart and thoughts in Toronto. The danger to our splendid comrade is so great that I will feel uneasy every moment of my absence. But as I said, it has to be done. My address in Winnipeg will be c/o J. Silverstein, 338 Boyd Ave., Winnipeg, Man.

I suspected that it would be of no use to start Peggy's scheme while the war is on. At the same time I am glad to know that she is continuing to pay you a salary because I should have hated to know that you were left high and dry. It is just as well that you have time now to attend to other things in the way of writing which you can do so magnificently. By the way, our attorney borrowed your "Poetry and Anarchism" and he has been raving about it. He told me that he has never read anything so profound and beautifully written. So you may yet have the satisfaction of doing what I have failed to do, making an anarchist of J.L. Actually he is such a grand person that I don't care what particular political tendencies he has. You see I am a heathen. I feel that the humanity of people is infinitely more important at times than their theories. Give me a man or woman who acts and lives anarchistically and I will give you those who swear by Anarchism and deny it every day of their lives.

I haven't heard from you in months so I had no idea that he was starting a paper in spite of the war. I wonder how he expects to keep it up, although I must say dear England has so far demonstrated greater respect for civil liberties than is unfortunately the case here. I am sure no paper even remotely critical of the war would be permitted in Canada. So you folks in the mother country are very fortunate, indeed, to enjoy the right of free speech, free press and free assembly, although you are much closer to the scene of hostilities. That should act as a salutary example to the people here who are so ready to abrogate every fundamental right of freedom. For this reason I cannot discuss your attitude, or mine, towards the war. I can say, however, that I am unable to believe that war can crush Hitler or Hitlerism. It must come from within Germany. Nothing else will do away with it fundamentally, but, as I said, I would rather not go into it.

I am so glad to learn that you will become the representative of the Routledge Labour Book Service. I am sure that you will be able to do a great deal of good in that capacity. I am hoping

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with you that Routledge may consider Cilliga's book. There seems to be no interest at all in Spain in America. I have written to three publishing houses about a book on Spain that I would like to do, dealing mainly with my personal experiences while there and also using the documentary evidence I have about the truly murderous part played by Stalin.

Yes, you are right "some of our friends are too trustful of Stalin. They are prepared to forgive and to forget too much." This is unfortunately true in America, perhaps moreso than in any other country! I think that the governments are too speedy to persecute and to prosecute the Communists. As it is they are now acting as martyrs after they have martyred everybody else over whom they have had the power.

No, I have not heard from M.L.

Do write me again soon and be sure to send me whatever appears of yours in behalf of A.B.

Affectionately,

Emma

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Emma Goldman

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TORONTO

ONTARIO

Nov. 20, 1939.

Dear Samuel: *Freedman, New York.*

I cannot understand your silence. I suppose I have failed to make you see the importance and the gravity of Arthur Bortolotti's case. I am enclosing a copy of a letter I have just written to the Secretary of SIA. It will make you see how other people in our ranks view Arthur's plight and how anxious they are to help publicize our fight for him and also to be of financial help. Do you not think that the Spanish comrades of the SIA have put all of the Jewish comrades to shame? Frankly, I am astonished at the utter indifference of our Jewish comrades. Perhaps it is my fault. I seem not to have been able to strike the right response and yet Gentile comrades have responded almost immediately.

A letter from Milly Rogger from Los Angeles informs me that the FAS has contributed \$200.00 to the Save Bortolotti Fund. It would be very wonderful, indeed, if you and the others had done so, but do you not think that you should have let me know before the message went to Los Angeles? After all the fight is here and I am carrying the brunt. I, therefore, must beg you again. Answer me at once. Has any money come in in response to my appeal? Has the FAS actually decided to contribute \$200.00 and if so, why is the money not sent?

I do not know how much experience you have had with immigration cases. If you have, then you will know the terrific amount of expenses involved. For instance, we are organizing "A Save Bortolotti Committee" in this city. It will then be necessary for our attorney to go to Ottawa and Montreal and later on to New York. Now you know that that cannot be done for a couple of hundred dollars. In point of fact, I am trying to find someone in New York who is well known and trusted and who is a good organizer to organize "A Save Bortolotti Committee" in New York as well and mainly to approach the large Jewish and Italian labour organizations to give moral and financial support to save Arthur. You must realize that there is a tremendous amount of work to do and only two or three in this city to do it and that one cannot chase around from place to place without it costing a considerable amount. I implore you, write at once and tell me what to expect from the FAS.

I am leaving for Winnipeg the 27th of this month, though I hate to leave our fight at this stage. But I am leaving everything in safe and reliable hands. I will be there until about the 20th of December. My address there will be c/o J. Silverstein, 338 Boyd Avenue, Winnipeg, Man.

Fraternally,

E. Goldman

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Domenico

Nov. 20, 1939.

Dear Comrade:

By this time you will have received my letter and also some details from a very dear comrade who went to Windsor and Detroit last week. I am writing you again because I had a letter from Comrade M. Oley. It was through him that I learned of the beautiful solidarity and generous spirit demonstrated at the SIA Conference and it moved me deeply to know that a unanimous vote was given to contribute \$400.00 to save Arthur Bortolotti. Actually we have two comrades to save. For a number of reasons we have decided not to feature him but we are working for him just the same. The trouble is that he is a Cuban and unknown even among the comrades, so it is more difficult to do anything for him; but, of course, we have not neglected him. His hearing comes up tomorrow so we will know what's what.

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As I am leaving for Winnipeg the 27th of this month, though I hate to leave our fight at this stage, I shall have to arrange everything for the fight to continue until my return about the 20th of December. For this reason I am wondering whether you could send the balance of the \$400.00 to enable me to cover some important expenses and also to give the attorney something on account. Of course, if for any reason this is impossible, it will be all right to wait until SIA can do it; but if it is not inconvenient, I would appreciate to have it as soon as you can send it.

You may be wondering why I go off to Winnipeg. It is because I have tried every time I was in Canada to get to the West and have failed. This time, after many letters, I have finally roused the comrades to arrange five lectures. They were to begin the 12th of November, then I had to postpone it for a month. This time I simply must go as the comrades have undergone a lot of expenses for halls and printing so I cannot disappoint them; but I can assure you that I will leave my heart and thoughts in Toronto. The danger to our splendid comrade is so great that I will feel uneasy every moment of my

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absence. But as I said, it has to be done.

I have today received a letter from our brilliant comrade, Herbert Read, in London, the author of "Poetry And Anarchism," one of the most magnificent pieces of writing on our ideas and ideals. You should read it, dear Comrade. In fact, Santillan intended to publish it while there was still hope and spirit in Barcelona, also our Comrade Alexander Berkman's "Prison Memoirs" were to be gotten out in book form and my autobiography "Living My Life". No one, who hasn't seen the gigantic piece of work in the Tinon Publishing House organized by our comrades, will ever appreciate the terrible loss Spain and the Spanish people have sustained. Comrade Read writes me that he may be able to get Bortolotti's fate before Parliament in the House of Commons. If only he could, B's case would become of international importance, as it should. I think I already wrote you that A.B. is one of the highest men we have in our movement, intellectually and morally, besides being a tremendous worker. He is like so many of the Spanish comrades. He lives for nothing else but his ideal.

Dear Comrade, I hope to hear from you before I leave. While I am in Winnipeg my address there will be c/o Mr. J. Silverstein, 343 Boyd Ave., Winnipeg, Man. Please give my fraternal greetings to Garcia. I had a letter from him and will write him when I have more time. I am in a hurry today.

With comradely affectionate greetings,

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Nov. 20, 1939.

Darling Jeanne:

I had intended to write you this morning and to let you know how anxious I was about your silence. I had a letter from E. Olay telling me that you are going to California in "two weeks" and I was wondering whether I would hear from you before you left. Today your dear letter arrived with your cheque for \$50.00. It is grand of you and Jay, my dears, to make such a generous contribution.

First, about the fate of Arthur Bortolotti and another comrade, whom we have for a number of reasons decided not to feature; but we are working for him just the same. The trouble is that he is a Cuban and unknown even among the comrades, so it is more difficult to do anything for him; but, of course, we have not neglected him. His hearing comes up tomorrow so we will know what's what.

About Arthur, it is another matter. His case is very grave and unless we succeed it will mean sure death, or, if not that, slow death in an Italian concentration camp. We are, therefore, working day and night to save him. We are hoping to create "A Save Bortolotti Committee" in this city and from here, perhaps, we can get adherents in Montreal and possibly also in a few large cities in the United States. You know, yourself, that this means a slow and painful process besides a large expense. It will be necessary for our attorney to go to Ottawa and Montreal and most likely also to New York. I only wish I had someone as alive as you are in New York. Actually, I begged Fizi to take the job at a salary of \$25.00 a week for a month, at least to work up interest especially in the large unions; but she has a definite promise of a job in her own line which she feels she cannot risk losing. She suggested Harry Kelly. Of course, he is also well known and very much liked by everybody in New York. The trouble is Harry has no vitality left. I do not know what he can do. I am waiting to hear from him. Anyway, we are working night and day to save A.B.

The most generous contributors so far have been our beloved comrades from the SIA. Just think of it. They still have hundreds of thousands of their comrades, men, women and children to look after. Nevertheless, they voted \$400.00 towards the Bortolotti fund. They have already sent \$200.00. I think that magnificent. The Italians so far, especially in America, have not contributed much. Maybe they still will. And the Jews not at all. Strangely enough Milly wrote me from Los Angeles that she had been informed that the FAS contributed \$200.00. I suppose their wish is father to their thought because so far they have not even taken the trouble to answer my letters, let alone to contribute anything. I do not know whether you have ever dealt with immigration cases, but I can tell you from my experience that they are a bottomless tank. There are so many large expenses outside of what one expects that a substantial fund of some thousands

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of dollars is necessary to have any results. So I am peering away on letters, ten, twelve and sometimes fifteen a day trying to raise the necessary fighting fund.

About going to Winnipeg, darling, it is not a question of what anybody thinks as being "wise or unwise" to speak there now. The fact is that the comrades have arranged five lectures "to begin with," three Jewish and two English and they may have more. I have disappointed them once. I was to be in Winnipeg the 12th of this month but I begged off until the 1st of December. I cannot disappoint them a second time. I wish I could, not because I agree with Mr. Hayman that it is "unwise," but because I hate like thunder to leave Arthur's case at the present stage. I have been talking to you per se but in point of fact I have to do all the work. Fortunately, I have Millie Desser to do some secretarial work for me and, of course, Dorothy whom you have met is very helpful. But the correspondence, the appeals and the daily sittings with the attorney falls on my shoulders. I hate to go away for what will mean three weeks, but I simply have to do it. I have worked for years to get to Winnipeg and now that I have a chance I do not want to pass it up. If I succeed there, it will be due entirely to my perseverance. I have been discouraged right and left. I have also tried other Western cities but without result. At this stage I am relieved that I do not have to stay away from Toronto longer than I absolutely must. So I am going, my dear. I am leaving the 27th of this month. After that my address will be c/o Mr. J. Silverstein, 533 Boyd Ave., Winnipeg, Man. Please keep in touch with me.

About the article in re Stalin and his betrayal of Spain. Nothing would suit me better than to write such an article, provided you get me an order for it and absolute security of payment. Even when I have nothing else to do I cannot write in the void. I must have a definite objective before me and now I am so obsessed with the need of saving Arthur that it will be doubly difficult unless I know that it will be accepted and I can get some real money for it. So try your luck before you go.

I do hope you will have a pleasant trip and a very happy time in California. I take it that Jay is going with you. I am in correspondence with Milly but when you get there you can hug her and Rudolf for me. They are immutable and unchangeable in their beautiful friendship. So are you, dearest Jeanne. With love to Jay and yourself.

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Emma Goldman

208 VAUGHAN ROAD

TORONTO
ONTARIO

Nov. 20, 1939.

Dear Comrade:

Your letter and the enclosed tickets I received on Saturday. I have been too busy to write until today. I am sorry that you have arranged for the two lectures dealing with Stalin to come so close to each other. I think the first one should really have been left for the first English meeting. But it doesn't matter. Everything else is all right.

I will write you in a few days exactly when I leave. I think it is a week from today, the 27th, but I may not be able to get away before the 28th, next Tuesday. I will let you know in time. I am glad you agree with me that it is advisable to go to a Hotel for the first couple of days, perhaps until after the first English meeting is over. Naturally, I do not want to go to the most expensive hotel. See if rooms at \$3.00 a day can be gotten at the Garry. If not, find another hotel centrally located and of good standing, I mean as far as the press is concerned.

Dear Comrade, I have ordered twelve copies of "Living My Life" sent to you by the New York publisher, the Garden City Publishing Co. I have paid for them, but of course there will be the duty and possibly express charges. Will you please pay the amount and I will return it. I have also ordered 100 copies of my pamphlet "The Place of The Individual in Society" sent to you from Windsor. There will be no cost connected with them. I am also bringing literature which I hope we will be able to sell.

I hope that you are doing everything possible to make the meetings a great success. Now, I think it would be a good idea to send some preliminary announcements about the English meetings to the press. It might even be worthwhile to put in an advertisement in the paper for Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Anyway, publicity is of the utmost importance in bringing a large audience. Please remember me to all the comrades and to the I.W.W. boys.

fraternally,

E. Goldman

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INDUSTRIAL WORKERS OF THE WORLD

CANADIAN ADMINISTRATION

314 Bay Street, Port Arthur, Ontario.

November 20, 1939.

E.G. Colton,
295 Vaughan Road,
Toronto, Ont.,

Dear Fellow Worker Goldman;—

Received both fellow worker Rogers' letter and yours this morning, and with them a money order for \$3.25. from the Soc. Ont., for the defense of Fellow Worker Bortolotti, this I shall enclose with this letter to you.

I am sorry to hear that you have not received the cooperation that you should from those workers in Vancouver. I wrote Dixon twice on this subject the last time on the 15th of this month, as for fellow worker Battaglia, it is rather his lack of being able to converse freely in the English language that hinders his activity I believe, but there is quite an Italian Colony in Vancouver and surely he should be able to find among them someone willing and capable to assist in arranging meetings for you. I have asked fellow worker Dixon to talk to other workers there and get them interested in assisting in the arrangement of meetings there, for personally it seems to me from my acquaintance with the city of Vancouver that there should be no difficulty experienced in arranging and having good meetings in that town, at one meeting some four years ago shortly after Tim Buck was released from Kingston Penitentiary and he made a tour of the country, he spoke at the Arena there with around eight or nine thousand in attendance, and the collection was well over nine hundred dollars, as I happened to be in attendance at that time I recall vividly this as well as many of the other incidents of his speech, as well as the martial display put on by the Y.C.ers, and the Young Pioneers at that time, agreeing he had or perhaps had a following at that time, I also know of other people who have had successful meetings there in Vancouver, and while I naturally predict nothing of the success financially of Tim Bucks, I am nevertheless convinced you would as we say go over with many of the workers there in a "big-way".

As to the Finnish Hall and the prospects of the "Professional Intelligence" coming around it, well I would have to answer that in the negative, but in your case that might be altogether different if well advertised with leaflets in both cities here. I agree with you entirely on the idea of charging admission, having seen the other method applied on many occasions in many places, and in most instances it fails to attain that which was the intention, of paying rental and other expenses incurred in meeting such as yours. I will talk with the group here again on this and report their reaction to it, they seem emphatic that collection is the best method, but may change their minds when again I see them. Yes I can see where the dates they allow you would not harmonize with your tour if you merely went to Winnipeg and returned.

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But as they have various affairs to raise funds at that time of the year, the dates they gave me are the only ones available at this time, of course if you had some measure of success in arranging meeting as far west as Vancouver and also at intermediate cities then January would be free at anytime or any of the following months in the new year, but as you state in your letter that looks anything but promising, and that fares are high here in Canada is quite true.

I will see about another hall here and also relay the charges for rental of same as well as seating capacity of hall or halls available between say the 17th of December and the 31st, this will be attended to at once and you should have all data on this not later than Thursday or Friday at the latest.

We of the I.W.O. sincerely trust that fellow worker Bortolotti will be victorious in his fight for freedom from deportation, and that at an early date, for to be deported to Italy at this time, and with world conditions as they are would mean if not instant death before a firing squad, at least slow and torturous death in some internment or concentration camp, therefore we join with you and the rest of his comrades in wishing him a speedy release from Immigration authorities, and also a speedy recovery from the illness he is suffering from, brought on no doubt through his incarceration for no crime whatever.

We of the I.W.O. sincerely trust that you have a successful meeting in Winnipeg in all ways, and that matters iron themselves out so that you will be able to extend your tour to other cities, for the need of knowledge is something we all need more so at the present time, than before the present conflict, and the knowledge you are able to impart to your listeners of world events in the past and the shaping up of these events that have had considerable to do with the present affair now raging in Europe and keenly felt in this country altho many miles distant, should be invaluable to your listeners in shaping their course for the emancipation of their class from enslavement.

Wishing you success in your mission of educating all with whom you come into contact with with the necessity of struggling for the dawn of a new day,

With best wishes,

Fraternally yours,

James Heney



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25 Prospect St.,
New Rochelle, N.Y.,
November 20, 1939.

Dear Emma:

Your letter of the 18th recieved a few moments ago and I am answering at once and mailing special delivery so you may get it tomorrow.

You speak of writing me "yesterday" i.e. Friday. If you did I have not recieved it and quite frankly I know nothing of the case of the ~~xxx~~ comrades you speak of. You mention only one, Arthur Bortolotti but Minna told me over the telephone the other day there were four and I saw the enclosed note in the New Republic for November 8th - this is a special anniversary number and I bought it only a few days ago -. This is all I know about the case.

Unfortunately Emma I am completely out of touch with the labor movement and whereas formerly when a member of the Civic Club I met white collar members of the liberal and radical movement in the ten years I have lived here I lost touch with all of them. The Civic Club is of course no longer in existence. I knew Hillman slightly but have not seen him in ten years and Dubinsky I never even met. I called at his office once some years ago but he was "busy" and I didn't see him.

Added to all of this is the fact that I will be sixty-nine years old in January and I regret to say I feel every one of those years making it impossible for me to undertake organizing such a committee.

I suggest you ask Abe Bluestein; his father Mendel is an official of the I.L.G.W.U. and they know everyone. You can reach Alex Cohen through the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, Union Square but I was ^{get him} never able to carry out his promises, not even for ~~Sasha~~ Sasha whom he loved I am sure.

I will be glad to serve on a committee but to organize one in view of my lack of touch with the various labor and radical forces would be a big job in any case and in view of my age and general weariness is out of the question.

Incidentally, Alex Cohen was the organizer of the testimonial dinner given Carlo Tresca a year ago so if you write him you had better make the point about Carlo very clear.

I am well but dead, dead tired. With love and good wishes,

As ever,

Harry

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Emma Goldman

221 VAUGHAN ROAD

TORONTO

ONTARIO

Nov. 21, 1939.

Dear Comrade:

I wrote you yesterday, but forgot the important question you asked me to answer - whether I can speak on Jewish literature. In point of fact, I have sent for a book a few days ago which I want to review dealing with Jewish literature in England to the end of the nineteenth century. If I get that work, I will be glad to speak about it. The trouble is it takes an awful long time to get books from America through the Customs. I am, therefore, very much afraid that the book in question may not reach me in time and I cannot prepare another lecture on Jewish literature because I haven't the material at hand.

I am afraid the women's organization will have to consent to my speaking on "Living My Life". If they know anything about it, it was from the miserable snatches in the New York Jewish Forward and that was so badly hatched that no one could get a correct idea what the book is all about. I do think that as literature, as human experience and the struggle for our ideas in the United States over a period of thirty-five years "Living My Life" should interest people who are not otherwise close to our movement. The criticisms of the work have all declared that it was the most important autobiography written by a woman in centuries. I know you will not take it as conceit on my part when I say that the book represents frankness, honesty, historic facts and literary quality. I would, therefore, like to speak on the book. It can be advertised in Jewish as "Leben Mine Leben."

I can tell you definitely now that I will leave Tuesday, the 28th, 11.10 p. m. and arrive in your city Thursday, the 30th, 9 a. m. That will give me two days for rest and to go over my notes for my first lecture. So now you can book a room for me in some decent hotel, not too expensive, for the 30th of November.

Freternally,

E. Goldman

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Ворожбы и ненависти
борьбы. Товарищи. Я получила
ваше письмо и французское
письмо Пётровых
Получил уже две недели назад
Но в дела безумно занята
и поэтому не могла вам
ответить

Было в том что 4
италийские товарищи
здесь были арестованы.
Вздумало начать разбираться
чтобы они были освобождены
в это время много раз
были арестованы и в следствие
благодаря благодарю этому
нам удалось их вырвать
из рук полиции

Но это не кончилось нашей
работой. На границе. Когда
я пошла сейчас теперь
рукав международной полиции
даже сейчас знает что
она шлюет в Италию. Вам
самое лучшее знаете

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Это может означать
для нашей работы.
Поэтому перед нами
колоссальная работа, доста-
ющая доминирующие расходы
а так же здесь никак
неизвестно кто бы мог
иметь влияние то все
тажесть нашей компании
на наше плечах. И да же
еще и здесь переключают
работу для нашей истинные
табачники, на время. Не
это есть только но отис-
ность уже та же самая
отсюда Вероятно же есть
большая, но она другая
и так же.
В общем о нас комитет
испанский и Мексиканский
табачники и дела и в
к нашей стране
которая переводит
а для испанских мо.

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Карибик в Миссиссиппи. В Миссиссиппи
находятся а также в одну
жарие Виллс две газеты
которая выводит
в Миссиссиппи. Но есть
газета которая ис
панский тоже переписи
печатает. Очень интересно
что он узнали в Миссиссиппи
и всякая другая же
о том дела А. Д. и отас
новит которая ему
процит. Здесь приводится
создано работат что
заинтересовать рабочие
организации. И не только
только в Канада но
также в Америке, Нью
Йорк, Миссиссиппи и другие
большие города. Там
мне же все неуставит
сколько времени и берется
она интересуется.

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каждый день
я пишу тебе
табуретки. Все и тогда
узнаете что мне не
удалось организовать
рай на плат для С/Зонда
в моем доме 50 лет
в нашем доме. Я
была в тюрьме и с
какими табуретками
Ваша это разрозненная
как многие другие.
Я еду в Миннеаполис
где пять лекций.
Но мне придется со
сказать деньги для
своей А. Д. На день с
табуретками в Мексико
поймут что я пишу

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теперь как никак ничего
не могу делать. Все
удается спасти нашего
итальянского товарища
и оплотнить нашу работу
друзья. Испанцев.

И наконец получила
письмо от М. З. Р. О. К.
и начало деятельности
в Америке. И. и. и. и.
рада, и все наше
это, что увидим после
носа. В. и. и. и. и.

И надеюсь вы сможете
читать это письмо
это первый раз в М. и. и. и.
что и. и. и. и. и. и.
по русски.

Сердечные пожелания
Э. Г.

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Дорогой Шварцман
 Я хотела сообщить
 несколько слов по
 русским этому оффран
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 по состоянию нет
 времени. Вдобавлении
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 серж и не буду
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 другу. Следующий
 раз я вам напишу
 более. Серж и Павел

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Simon Radowitzky
Mexico City
A friend of Emma
City. He is a friend

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1360 Ocean Avenue
Brooklyn, N.Y.

November 21, 1939

Dear Emma;

I hope you don't think we have forgotten to correspond with you. Quite the contrary. It is rather a case of my not being able to give you the kind of news I would like to. Our efforts to co-operate in helping to free our friends have not been as successful as we had hoped. The first Press releases we sent out were used by three or four of the left papers in this city. Last week we also sent letters to thirty-five of the groups throughout the U.S. Naturally we can't tell what the response has been. We urged that funds be sent to your address. This week we are sending out another general press notice ~~xx~~ which we hope will get a wider response.

The letters which you enclosed were promptly sent out by Air Mail (Clipper) as you requested.

I want to take this opportunity to express my deep appreciation and admiration for your statement on the ~~Dies Committee~~ Dies Committee. It was such a forthright and pointed analysis that I'm sorry we can't print it. All the comrades who saw the statement felt the same way as I did about it.

Naturally we were very glad to learn ~~txxx~~ of the release of our two friends and the splendid fight ~~xxxxxx~~ that was conducted. We earnestly hope that A.B. will be quickly released and the dastardly frame-up smashed. If any new developments occur please let us know as soon as you can, --- besides the fact that we want to know ourselves, it is desirable to have the latest news for a press release. Tomorrow night we are going to see the comrades from the Challenge Group to talk over plans for an affair to raise funds for this case. As for publicizing the case in the VANGUARD you can be sure that it will get complete coverage.

Clara sends her love to you and she asks that you remember her to all the comrades in Toronto.

With warmest greetings, I'm yours for freedom,

Sidney Solomon

Sidney Solomon

P.S. I'm enclosing a few clippings - those I have on hand right now, which were published from the releases we sent.

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My dearest Emma,

The news about our poor little Molly gave us a shock. It seems that there is no end to the blows, one ^{is} worse than the other. What ^{is there} to be done for them, have you a ready plan at hand?

I have written just now to a friend of ours, who knows M.L.P. very well, and like them very much. I hope that she will send them something soon: I feel quite terrible about the poor dear children.

Forgive dearest, but I must correct a mistake in your letter: I did not say in my previous letter that the "Freid Arbenes Shinn" sent two hundred dollars. I said the S.D. May be though that it was so badly written that you took it wrongly. I know that the F.A.S. would not send money. However, I should like you to realize me, darling, once and for all, that I am not so easily made believe things. For instance: Thousands of people, told me

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for scores of years, millions of times, that my most beloved and adored friends Emma Goldman and Rudolf Rucker are the most perfect people, and to the very day, I don't believe it! Funny, isn't it? But true!

I have seen Lady Cask again, I made mistakes about the list, and I have only embarrassed her. They have had a lot of trouble in their business lately, and they ^{are} just beginning to recuperate. You will hear from them soon she told me.

We were happy to learn ^{from your letter} that some of the kids have done so well, we hope that also A. will soon be quite himself again, however we must do our very utmost to help him out.

Your plan with Fitzzy would not work any more, even if she had no job in view, I have my reasons to think so. Harry would be even less practical. He is too old, and has been too long out of activity. Then he has his young wife, who could not spare him too often.

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Yes, it would be a very good thing if we could get somebody, young, vigorous and capable for the job, to tour the country up and down, but when get one? It must be an American of course.

What about Fresco? can he not do anything? He knows millions of people among them very influential ones. Surely he could and should approach Hillman, and the others named in your letter. What does he say? I would look him up, if I was in N.Y. I am not sure that it would help but I would do it anyway. Get somebody to get hold of him personally, not just by writing a letter.

I shall try this weekend to get something for you again. I don't promise much, for it is almost the same people we will meet. I will write again after I have heard from our common friend.

Dearest love from both of us, to your dearest, love to the children and to all the friends affectionately Milly

Love to you from all the comrades

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Nov. 22, 1939.

Dear Comrade:

Thanks for the paper which came today. I was surprised that it contained no mention of Bortolotti's case although I did find a little reference in the contributions. Dear Comrade, do not think me cranky, but I really believe that the cases have ought to be kept before your readers constantly. Human ~~man's~~ memory is short-lived, especially in our indifferent and callous time. Besides, if we do not hammer away at the danger which is confronting our Italian and Cuban comrades, the readers of your paper will come to the conclusion that everything is all right, which certainly it is not.

I hope you received the letter which was mailed from Detroit and all the particulars about our Cuban friend as well as Arthur Bortolotti. I am looking forward to hearing from you. While I do not have much news today I can tell you that the hearing of our Cuban has definitely been set for Monday. I will then write you the result. I had hoped that Arthur's hearing would also be before I leave for Winnipeg the 28th. But it does not look it. I hate to go away now and leave the cases when I am most needed, but I have already disappointed the comrades in Winnipeg once and I cannot do so again. So I must go. I will arrange with our attorney that he writes me a daily report and that he also gives a copy to our friend, Dorothy Rogers. In this way she will be able to keep you informed. Please see that you reach me before I leave Toronto. After the 28th my address will be c/o J. Silverstein 338 Boyd Ave., Winnipeg, Man and it will be good until the 20th of December.

Fraternally,

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Nov. 22, 1939.

Dear Minna:

I received your letter of November 12th. I really do not know what there is to answer. First you ~~will~~ permit months to pass before you decide to start something for the testimonial fund for the Spanish refugees. Then you decide you will help for the Italians. Then you are carried away by the fact that H.W. has written the Commissioner about me and you drop everything that you intended to do. I must say I was annoyed. Arthur Bortolotti may already be on the way to Italy by the time you will definitely take up his case.

How can you be so naive to take it for granted that I will be admitted to the United States and to permit this to paralyse your efforts. Well, it is the old story, out of sight out of mind. When you were here you were ~~in~~ going to do wonders. Since then your interest has lagged behind. But, of course, one's friends can do no more than they feel like doing. So there is no use in arguing the matter. Frankly, if it were a question of myself, I should not give a damn, but it was a question of the several comrades and in a more immediate sense the life of Arthur Bortolotti is at stake. It was foolish of me to believe that the comrades in New York would immediately undertake to help me save him. Instead of that I have received one disappointment after another from my Jewish friends and comrades. The only people who have responded are the Spaniards and the Italians. It is very sad. If you have seen H. W. again you will know that your optimism about my return was premature. While I know that H.W. will not give up trying, I haven't the slightest hope of getting back. I, therefore, suggest that you should not wait for my appearance. You might have to wait until the end of our lives. The 23th I am leaving for Winnipeg to be gone three weeks. I hate awfully to go away at this stage when Arthur's fate hangs in the air. I know I shall not have a moment's peace during my absence, but I have already disappointed the comrades. I was to be there the 12th of this month and I do not want to do it again.

My address in Winnipeg will be c/o J. Silverstein, 338 Boyd Ave., Winnipeg, Man.

Believe me, I do not want to hurt your feelings. I certainly had expected that you will take a keener interest and not permit all sorts of things to hold you back from doing what you had definitely promised to undertake. For the rest nothing can change my friendship for you.

Affectionately,

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Emma Goldman

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Nov. 22, 1939.

Dear Ben:

I received your letter of the 13th. Coming from you it was a very depressed and sad letter. You always used to be so contented. You remember we used to call you Pollyanna. You always thought that this is the best of worlds and that all that happened is for the best. I hope that your mood was only temporary. I realize what your physical shock and even more so the moral shock you received must have been when you found out that the world goes on without us. It will not leave a scar. I cannot imagine it in you.

You see, my dear, I have had so many shocks in my life about people whom I believed in and who did not come up to the scratch when I needed them most that your letter gave me nothing new along that line. I felt all along since I have known you that you are entirely too optimistic about the effect of your work and the so-called appreciation, applause and flattery you received. I was afraid that some day you might wake up and find everything so superficial. However, I know that you will regain your old, happy-go-lucky spirit. But first of all you must get well. One can achieve nothing when one's health is broken. I do hope that you are taking care of yourself and that you do not rush to get back into harness. I rather think that with all your disappointments you still have reasons to be exceedingly glad. According to your own account, you have a great son, a lovely girl-child, a companion and a lot more. So you are still rich, my dear, much more so than tens of thousands of people who have nobody and who are wanted nowhere. I am glad that you are not among them.

The 28th of this month I leave for Winnipeg. I have five lectures there. I still think of our meeting in that town so long ago. It seems ages and ages. So much has happened in my life and in the world. I have been very busy and absorbed in helping to save Italian comrades who were arrested here under the new war ruling. I was fortunate in finding a very brilliant lawyer and a fighter who has succeeded in getting three of the men free of the charges against them. But our struggle is only now begun. It is to save a very fine and able Italian comrade from the kind of a reception Mussolini would give him were he to be sent back to Italy. There are few able people here to help and the public at large is too self-centred. There is no spirit of helpfulness or interest in the fate of human beings so most of the work has fallen on my old shoulders. I do not regret because I would rather be kept busy than moping about my own future. One lives from day to day now. I hope that this will find you very much recovered physically and in better spirit. Give my love to Brutus.

Affectionately,

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514 Bay Street,
Port Arthur, Ont.,

November 22, 1939.

Mrs E.G. Colton,
295 Vaughan Road,
Toronto, Ont.,

Fellow Worker Goldman:-

Am writing as promised in connection with the matter of a hall here, and am sorry to state at the dates you give that halls are not available either in Fort William or here, the reasons given at that time they are all booked ahead for various activities in connection with the holidays. Was speaking to the secretary of the Fort William Trades and Labor Council and he stated at any other dates than that given the Trades and Labor Council would welcome a speaker of your caliber, but they had so many arrangements at that time when you desired to use the hall that it could not be arranged.

Just received a letter from Dixon in Vancouver and he tells me that there seems nothing he nor Battaglia can do, they claim that there are no chambers in town, of course Dixon is ailing physically and getting well on in years, and undoubtedly it would be hard for him to do a great deal in this connection, but I am still positive that some contact could be made that Vancouver is one of the best spots in Canada as far as holding meetings such as yours goes.

It may be at some later date we here may be able to arrange a meeting for you on your return from Winnipeg, something may turn up that will allow your holding a couple of meetings either here or in Fort William on your return to Toronto from Winnipeg, I will see what information that I am able to glean as to possible open dates in some of the halls here around the time you would desire to use one of them to address the public. There are only four places here with suitable auditoriums outside of the City Hall and a couple of Technical Schools which hardly could be rented, they are the Labor Temple, sometime known as the "Finn Hall" where we are located, then next door to us is the Communist Finn Hall, and in Fort William the Trades and Labor Hall and also the Ukrainian Temple, these are the only four worth considering so those who know the cities here tell me.

I am sure sorry that matters have turned out as they have all round, realizing full well your position, but perhaps we may yet be able to arrange something for you here, as there is still considerable time left between your dates in Winnipeg, and there is always the possibility that something may turn up in the meantime.

Trusting that Fellow Worker Bortolotti wins his case with the Immigration authorities, and is better than when last you wrote,

With best wishes,

Fraternal'y, yours.

James Heney

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Nov. 23rd, 1939.

Having read your letter about Arthur and having received further news about the case from a friend in Detroit, I think we have now a very satisfactory picture of the situation, which is certainly not bright. Thanks to you and of course to our very clear minded friend from Detroit.

I hardly need tell you that no obstacles from our part will come to obstruct in any way your efforts in trying to spur organized Labor to the defense of our persecuted friends. But, my dear E., Organized Labor, especially in N.Y. is so utterly rotten that I fear very very little will you succeed. You might get a few dollars, more in deference to a distant past than to present feeling - but not many. I do not insist because anything I might say would

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appear unbelievable to you, from afar. Most of those you have known once upon a time as being the vanguard of trade-unionism, are now staunch pillars of the reigning Government - and further nothing need be said. Civil Liberties, Rights of Man, Right of Asylum, Freedom of conscience, etc. etc. belong to a language they have long since forgotten. It is less hard to find real love of liberty and generosity among the Liberals - who also have somewhat deteriorated under the delusion that liberalism means nothing but detachment from any fixed set of principles - than among the so called Labor Leaders of any degree.

All we can rely upon, to defend liberty and those who struggle for it, are our movement and our comrades who are a small minority, but whose zeal and generosity have been proved and will certainly be proved again.

This week's issue having gone to press one day earlier than usual on account of Thanksgiving Day, it was impossible to include any item regarding our case. But do not think that it has been forgotten.

The position of our friends is very clear. No amount of persecution will ever prove that Arthur has no right to live in a country where he has been legally admitted and where he has behaved during a long stay

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of many years, in such a way that he had to be acquitted in two trials. As for the Cuban fellow, if they do not want him in Canada they just cannot decently do anything else than tell him to get out. The clarity of their position would expose any other solution as an act of barbarism.

Let us hope that more sense than that still exists. The Judges in the trials, at least, have shown to be decent enough. In times of great commotion, the like are not often found. It would be terrible if Arthur were to be delivered to the Italian Fascists - it would be terrible for him: No one that has been repatriated after having displayed anti-fascist activities abroad, has been spared from prison or at least FIVE years in the Islands or other place of confinement. It would not be ^{less} ^{from a moral point of view,} terrible for the Canadian Government and the British Commonwealth of Nations, if it became known that they deliver known and active anti-fascists to the Italian Fascist Dictatorship.

There isn't much else I can tell you. Give our best regards to A. and all the friends.

Fraternally Yours

N. D. Domenico

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Nov. 23, 1939.

Dear Fellow-worker Heney:

Whatever will come out of our correspondence, you have already strengthened my determination to go on trying Western Canada. You have so much enthusiasm and spirit which, like liberty, is the rarest thing in the world. Most fellow-workers and comrades drag you down instead of helping to lift up your mind and your morale. If only you were free and I could afford to ask you to go to Vancouver and arrange meetings there.

No, I am not carried away by your report of the successes that Tim Buck had. The workers in the bulk are, unfortunately, like sheep and so easily led. Of late years it seems that the more they are tortured and whipped the better they like it. So I would not be surprised that Tim Buck would even now draw an audience of so many thousands of people who heard him in Vancouver. Just think of it, in spite of the squirming of Browder he was able to draw a tremendous audience in the largest hall in New York. So why not Tim Buck.

However, I am not deceived about what we could accomplish, but I fully agree with you that several successful meetings could be organised in Vancouver but there is no one to do it. The Jewish radicals I wrote haven't even had the grace to reply, although I sent them addressed and stamped envelopes. And our well-meaning Fellow-worker Battaglia is handicapped by his impediment of speech and evidently feels very conscious of it. Nevertheless, he sent \$3.50 collected on a list I enclosed in one of my letters to him.

I am afraid, dear fellow-worker, I will not be able to hang on in Winnipeg until after the New Year. My presence here is imperative, as there is no one who can keep up the work for the defence of our Fellow-worker Arthur Bortolotti and a Cuban fellow-worker who is also in danger of being deported. So I shall have to get back from Winnipeg as quickly as I possibly can. My last meeting there is the 17th of December and I intend to leave on the 18th.

Another thing is that it is never good to have meetings too close to Christmas. People are too busy with the holidays, even if they have nothing to holiday about, to be interested in lectures. I may, therefore, not even be able to stop off in Port Arthur this time. If in your Twin Cities and possibly Sudbury and others a whole series could be arranged I would come for a few weeks or even a month after the immigration cases have been cleared one way or another. I wonder how long the train to Winnipeg, or from Winnipeg, stops at Port

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Arthur. I could at least meet you at the station and have a little talk with you. I will find out and let you know.

Thank you so much for the \$3.25 you sent. Enclosed is a receipt which please forward to the friends who sent it to you. The hearing for one of our fellow-workers takes place on Monday. The hearing for A.B. has not yet been decided upon. I am sure it will not take place before I leave next Tuesday night, the 26th. Our attorney will keep me posted by daily reports. Then, too, fellow-worker Dorothy Rogers remains in my stead and she will supply you with information if there will be anything of importance. You can still reach me here, if you want to, or write me care of J. Silverstein, 338 Boyd Ave., Winnipeg.

With best wishes,

Fraternally,

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Emma Goldman to Sidney Solomon, Nov. 23, 1939.

Nov. 23, 1939.

Dear Sidney:

Thanks for your letter. I understood that you must be busy else you would have written sooner. Thanks a lot for having sent my letters on by clipper. I was told yesterday that trans-Atlantic mail still goes from here, or that it can be sent via New York by the Lisbon. I will have to find out because if this route can be used there will be no need in burdening you.

I can give you no further news about A.B. and our Cuban friend. There has been no hearing for either one of them. Next Monday there is to be one for the Cuban. Arthur's will come later. But we know already that the authorities are determined to get rid of both and that it will not be an easy matter to save them from their doom. Believe me, it is a bitter struggle which requires complete application and a huge correspondence. The trouble is that our Jewish comrades in particular do not seem to realise it for they have shown no interest to speak of. In fact, none at all from New York. Oh yes, I have received a money-order for \$16.00 from the F.A.S. group, per Grishnear. He is supposed to be the secretary of the Anarchist Federation. I cannot imagine that it amounts to anything except on paper because I asked him to appeal to the groups. He did not even have the grace to refer to it. And as to Freedman, he simply does not answer letters at all. I wrote him a very severe one the other day. It will be the last unless I hear from him. I am particularly incensed with his ignoring my appeals because Milly Rucker wrote me from Los Angeles that she had been informed that the F.A.S. had contributed \$200.00. Not that I believe this gossip. But, surely, I am entitled to some kind of a explanation from the F.A.S. office. Frankly, I have come to the conclusion that the comrades there have no interest whatever in the movement, or in the fate of our comrades, except in the F.A.S. Perhaps it is necessary to concentrate on one thing in order to keep it going for forty years, but it shows neither interest nor solidarity.

I am glad you and the others liked my letter, or rather excerpts from a letter, regarding my possible chances of returning to the U.S. were I to testify before the Dies Commission. My objection to having this publicised is mainly because I do not want to have the names appear, that of Don Levine or anyone else. If you can leave out the first line and begin with with "I am really indignant that anyone should suggest the idea, etc." and also leave out the last line "you may tell that to Don, if you see him again," then you can publish the rest. I do not mind it so much.

I do hope you will succeed in finally getting out the VANGUARD. If you do and want to send it to me, be sure to send

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Give my love to Clara. With warmest greetings to you.

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Nov. 23, 1939.

Dear Comrade:

You need not apologize for delaying your answer to my letter. I understood perfectly that you are a busy man and, therefore, cannot write often. I have heard from Comrade Olay about the decision taken up at the Conference of SIA to which I appealed for the fight to help our Comrade Bortolotti. I never needed proof to strengthen my faith in the generosity and the spirit of solidarity in the Spanish comrades. I have met with nothing like it in comrades of other countries. I appreciate deeply the co-operation given me to save Comrade Arthur Bortolotti because I know what a load the SIA is carrying in helping the tens of thousands of Spanish refugees in French camps and in countries where some have succeeded in entering.

I am sorry you never sent me the CULTURA containing appeals. I wish you would send me a few copies, but do so in separate, plain envelopes and single copies. That is the only way I could likely get the paper, not otherwise.

I see that you translated the clipping I sent you from the DAILY STAR. Perhaps you could still use the material in the enclosed copy of a statement I have sent out. One thing is certain we must keep Bortolotti's case before our Italian and Spanish comrades. Human memory is very short lived and our comrades on the American Continent may grow to think that Arthur's case is not very grave, which it certainly is. So do your best in having something in Cultura every week.

At this writing I cannot send you anything new. The hearing for our Cuban comrade who is also held by the immigration authorities is definitely to take place on Monday. I hope to be able to send you some news, perhaps, in time for next week's issue of the paper. The hearing for Bortolotti has not yet been decided upon. I regret that exceedingly because I have to leave Tuesday the 28th for Winnipeg. I will do it with a heavy heart because I have to leave all the work behind, but I have disappointed the Winnipeg comrades once. I was to be there the 12th of this month and I cannot again disappoint them. It will be for three weeks. During that time you can write me care of J. Silverstein 338 Boyd Ave., Winnipeg, Man. and send me Cultura there.

Thank you, dear Comrade, for the kind things you say about me and my energy. It is good of you to think that I am just as active as I was forty years ago. To say the least, that is a little exaggerated, but I appreciate your kindly thoughts of me and your faith in my continued interest and devotion to our cause. I certainly deserve no thanks for my labours to save

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...please remember me to all the comrades.

Affectionately,

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Paris Nov. 23rd 1939.



Dearest beloved Emmotchkas,

We were glad to get your nice detailed letter of Nov. 3rd. It was on the way only 12 days. At the same time, we got the 14 dollars. They were very nice at the Sel. Bank. For the 14 dollars, they payed out Fr. 605.- Six hundred and five francs.

As you have no income yourself, it is most kind of you to have done this. Thanks a thousand times. Senya is looking for work very actively, may^{he} will succeed, but it is quite difficult. The lack of health, makes the situation more painful. However, we don't despair and keep going.

In his recent letter, Senya told ^{you} of our great loss--Michaelis. He was just one day in Barcelona and then he disappeared! How hard he tried to go to Chili! If those who occupy themselves with the transfer of the Spanish Refugees would have made the least effort in his behalf, he could have been there long ago. But it's just that "IF", which brings so much misfortune with it.

Martin is here. He will surely write you these days. I suppose you know that as an American citizen, he is free to leave whenever he wants, but it is an account of his wife that he stays on. However, he will give you all the details personally, I mean, in his letter to you.

Why should you be uncertain about sending money my dear? You can send to France all the money you want. There is no law prohibiting the French, American, English or Russian people from receiving money which is sent to them; and I find that the simplest way is by mail order; directly to the house.

The letter by Stella made me happy because she is getting better, but it's so sad. Dear dear girl! How well I understand her. I read several times the phrase where she says "I will try and make a place for myself once more". I am sure she will succeed, for she is a lovable creature.

In his recent letter to you, Senya told you of the attack I had. Since then, I am better, but I cannot speak of recovery, I probably never will recover. The treatment which I took for five weeks, caused me certain pains which I didn't have before and I was forced to stop it.

Thanks for the copy of your letter to H.W. re suggestion of Don Levine. The nerve of that man! The very idea of it is insulting. Your answer is wonderful, it is written in terms worthy of you. I was proud to show it to some of our friends.

S'long, my dear. Keep well and write us often.

Affectionately. We both embrace you
Mollie

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Nov. 24, 1939.

Dear Comrade Anna:

I have been so busy. I haven't had a moment to write you, but I wrote your dear companion and I asked him to give you my love.

Yesterday I wrote a letter to the Indiana comrade thanking him for the \$10.00 and asking whether he could not do something with a subscription list which I enclosed.

I am writing you today more in the form of a greeting to the comrades and friends who will foregather to the spaghetti dinner on the 2nd of December. Please show them the letter. I want them to know the bitter struggle we are making to save our splendid Comrade Arthur Bortolotti. He has relentless enemies in the Fascists in this country. More and more we feel sure that they were back of the arrest and that they are also back of the determination of the Immigration Authorities to land Arthur in the crushing arms of Mussolini. I, therefore, appeal to all of them to create "A Save Bortolotti Committee" and to do their utmost to co-operate with us here. We feel sure that with widespread publicity and the moral and financial support of all comrades, friends and anti-Fascists we will be as victorious in the present struggle as we have been in the trials. We must, therefore, strain every muscle in rescuing our comrade.

Dear Comrades, at the spaghetti dinner, the above speaks for itself. I can only add that I would give much to be in your midst on the 2nd of December, but I shall be far away in a blood-freezing part of Canada, in Winnipeg. However, my thoughts will be with you and my affections. I hope you will all enjoy and you will drink to our victory in behalf of our dear Comrade Arthur Bortolotti.

Dear Anna, I am leaving for Winnipeg on Tuesday, the 28th. I hate awfully to leave Arthur's case hanging in the air, but I have already disappointed the Winnipeg comrades once (I was to be there the 12th of November). I cannot disappoint them a second time. However, I will be back by the 20th of next month. Meanwhile, I am leaving the work of the defence in reliable hands, a very dear English comrade, Dorothy Rogers and the daughter of a comrade, Millie Desser, who has been doing all the secretarial work for me. Please write me to Winnipeg c/o J. Silverstein, 358 Boyd Ave., Winnipeg, Man.

Affectionate greetings to all the comrades.

With love,

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Dear Comrade,

Enclosed please find
check for \$18.85 for our friends.
We have received your letters
and will answer them soon.
Regards from all here to
all comrades there,

Yours,
Nick Di Domenico
Newark N.J.

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Emma Goldman

295 VAUGHAN ROAD

TORONTO
ONTARIO

Nov. 25, 1939.

Dear Rose:

For the ^{life} ~~love~~ of me I cannot make out why you have failed to reply to my letter. I cannot imagine that you are utterly indifferent to the fate of our Italian comrades, not to have written to find out the outcome of their trials. Perhaps you have been ill. That alone would justify your neglect. Certainly not because you are busy with union work. For no matter how rushed you may have been you could have taken off a half an hour to dictate an answer.

Well, I am writing you again because the situation here requires urgent and immediate help. You will see by the enclosed copy of a statement that we were fortunate in securing a victory during the trials, but the most important case and the most difficult to fight has remained, as you will also see from the statement. Dear Rose, it means Arthur Bortolotti's life unless we save him from deportation.

Now, you know that immigration cases are very hard to fight. They take an awfully long time and a large fighting chest. The Spanish and Italian comrades have responded generously, especially the Spanish comrades of the SIA. Much to my shame the Jewish comrades have remained indifferent. Even my appeals in the F.A.S. have had no effect. At least none that I know of because not a cent has come in at this end from the appeal. I consider that a disgrace and though I have never felt particularly Jewish I am thoroughly ashamed that our Jewish comrades have done nothing to help us fight for our Italian friends.

Italian & Jewish groups
As I said, the ~~letter~~ ^{latter} have been responsive but nothing like the amount we will need in the struggle to save Arthur. It has occurred to me that if I could find some competent person in New York to organise publicity for Arthur, to get together "A Save Bortolotti Committee" and to interest the large labour organisations, we might defeat the determination of the immigration authorities to shove Arthur out. I wrote to Fritzi about it, even offering to pay her a weekly salary for a month or so, but she refused on the ground that she was definitely expecting a position and it would be no use to begin and then have to drop the work for Arthur. I then turned to Kelly. His reply was that he is going to be 69 years in January, he is tired and has had no contact with labour for ten years. In despair I have written to Abe Bluestein, not because I consider him appropriate for the job, but because his father is connected with the International and I thought he might help Abe reach Dubinsky. So far I have had no answer from him. Also I have written to Alex Cohen begging him to reach Hillman. Believe me, dear Rose, I never would humiliate myself were I in danger. But Arthur's fate has taken hold of me to the extent of

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Nov. 25, 1939.

Miss Freda Kirchwey, Editor,
The Nation,
55 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Freda Kirchwey:

I would like to believe that you have not changed in your friendly feelings for me. But whether you have, or not, I am certain that you will be interested in the outcome of the arrested Italian anti-Fascists, whose cases were mentioned in the article in your issue of October 28th under the heading "Let Canada Be A Warning" by S. J. Kennedy.

First, I want to point out the mistake made by the author in having it appear that the Italians were arrested because they are Anarchists, or for their Anarchist activities. This is not the case. To be sure, they are Anarchists, but their real "crime" was their intensive anti-Fascist activities. This applies especially to the most outstanding arrested man, Arthur Bortolotti, who had long ago incurred the deadly hatred of the Fascists in Ontario. The enclosed article, which I hope you will publish, explains the whole miserable frame-up of my Italian friends.

As you will see, I have not signed the article. Much as I should have liked to do so I have refrained because my public appearance in the struggle for the men may hurt not only the chances of Arthur Bortolotti, but may also lead to my being expelled from Canada in spite of the fact that I am now "His Majesty's subject." You see, I am still trying to take root in some part of the world since my American deportation. To have to try from the very beginning all over again is not a cheerful prospect. Besides it is unnecessary, since it isn't the signature which counts but the contents of the article which I want very much to place before the readers of THE NATION.

My old pal, Alexander Berkman, used to call me The Immutible. This has become very dear to me, so I am signing the article by that name. If you find it too ambiguous, just put down any initials. The important thing is that you should know that I have written the article and that I vouch for the accuracy of the facts.

Arthur Bortolotti is of the calibre of Sacco and Vanzetti. He has their integrity, their sublime faith and their fire. He certainly deserves to be saved from the doom Mussolini would prepare

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for him were the Immigration Authorities to succeed in shipping him to Italy. Please help me to prevent such a black crime.

THE NEW REPUBLIC has printed an appeal of a small "Save Bortolotti Committee" in New York for material aid to help the defence in the struggle for Arthur. Of course, it would be grand, if you would permit THE NATION, or your name, to act as the recipient of contributions. In that case, please change the last two lines. If not, perhaps you will let it go in as written.

If for some reason you decide not to publish the article, will you at least use the material editorially. Whatever you do, please make the impending danger to Arthur Bortolotti known to the readers of THE NATION.

With my old friendly feelings for you,

Cordially,

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TELEPHONE MESSAGE 221



Emma Goldman

201 VAUGHAN ROAD

TORONTO
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Nov. 25, 1939.

Dear Comrade:

This will be my last letter to you before I leave Tuesday, the 28th at 11.20 p. m. I am really writing only to suggest that it might be a good idea to inform the press of the time of my arrival Thursday at 9 a. m. They may like to get an immediate interview so they could meet me at the hotel whichever you have chosen, or at the station. At the same time please bring along, or send with comrades who will meet me, the English handbills, as I shall need them to give to the press and anybody else who will call on me.

I take it that there is some comrade who will be able to put me up beginning Monday the 4th of December. It is too expensive to stay in a hotel longer than is absolutely necessary.

Hoping to see you soon and that we may have successful meetings.

Fraternally,

EG Goldman

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95 Christopher Street
New York City

November 25, 1939

Dear Emma:

I have been on the go all week on the Bertolotti case - finally saw Alex for a few minutes yesterday (he's over his head with work for his Union) and then went to see him again today at 12 o'clock. Have an appointment with Binaco Monday around 10:30 (that probably means that I will have to wait till around twelve to see him) - am to see Giovanniti also on Monday. What will come of it all - I do not know. . . . My sister says: "If you were working to end the war where hundreds are going to their death - that would mean something." I cannot make her understand that there might be one worth more to the world than the hundreds now going to their death in the sea. . . .

Alex suggested the same thing that I fully realize - that Carlo Tresca is the logical and only person in New York City to undertake to do the things necessary to save Bertolotti - but you tell me "not to approach Carlo". I presume it is one of those silly fueds that seem to be the pastime among our comrades - it makes me feel disgusted - I had so much of that in the old days. Carlo knows the ropes, has access to all the labor unions, has handled so many of these deportation cases and has succeeded and does have influence enough to get publicity and money for such cases. Just why cannot he be asked to work on this case? I'd like to know. He has economic security, wouldn't need to be paid - which no one likes to take for cases like this - You said you would tell me, but you didn't.

I'm trying to see what can be done with the Italian Unions - Bianco of the Amalgamated, Antonni of the I.L.G.W. Union - and Giovanniti of the Italian Labor Education Bureau, 104 Fifth Avenue. I talked with Rose Pesitta this morning over the telephone - she was in Harry Weinberger's office. She suggested Hilda Kovner to take over the matter of steering the thing through for Bertolotti. I want to wait till I see Bianco and Giovanniti on Monday.

Alex gave me \$25.00 for your birthday fund - he says he will get \$75.00 from his locals - this is a gift from the Shirtmakers Union of which he is the head - you can address him: 15 Union Square, Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America. I will get to a Post Office for a Money Order and send it on to you, but am sending this letter on Special delivery before I go to a Post Office. He told me when I was working on your Birthday Fund that I could count on him for \$100. - seeing me today quickened his memory and he is starting on it - spoke to heads of two different locals while I was in his office - he will get it for you - but I'll have to see him again. He is swamped with work - looked worn and tired - said he hadn't slept much for some time - ~~but~~ Alex is good, but his own union troubles comes before everything else unless one grabs him back to earth.

I called Malcolm Cowley several times - he was not in his office - they tell me he will be in on Tuesday. . . .

Stopped to see Freedman of Freie Arbeiter Stimme yesterday but wasn't in - didn't know when he'd get back - left him a note, but have not been able to get him on the telephone since - will try to see him Monday. I thought Radinowsky would be able to give me some advice and suggestions - he has a good level head and some one that can be relied upon - wrote him but haven't yet heard from him - will try again to get him on the telephone tonight around dinner time.

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I don't know how you got the idea that "I'm tired" - I'm only worried stiff about the lack of work and money with which to pay my way - to get old with no job, income or anything is enough to make one "tired" as you say - but I just felt that I couldn't throw myself into this campaign with no prospects for myself when I'm trying to get something to do - then this feeling on the part of the friends there "not to approach Carlo" when he is the one that has the time and means and could do the job. I have been doing my darndest to get the ball rolling" and have already spent a lot of telephones and car fare - And it is not so "easily done" either - it takes time - a lot of waiting etc. and I do not need to tell you this I do not mind if I can really do something to help. But don't think that people are "callous" as you said to Harry in the letter he received from you this morning. He said Emma thinks we are all getting callous - but what can one do when the ones in power decide against you. He is going to Washington again on Monday and will again see what he can do about getting you in to the States.

I had a letter from Dorothy from Detroit - but she told me very little except about the other one in trouble. Minna sent the letter special to the address you gave Pauline the night we talked with you - & it came back "not known at address".

I went to Ian's office to see Stella yesterday - she looks very thin and little - still thinks she's "unclean", says she was not a good mother or wife - said she had no feeling about anything or any one - anyway it was good to see her but she is far from well mentally. Pauline and I are going to them for dinner Wednesday evening. She is kept busy and is interested in Ian's work and that is good. Ian has a very sweet young little wife who seems very efficient - I liked her a lot. Stella gave me one of the Penguin books, "Light on Moscow" by V. N. Pritt, explaining the Soviet's pact with Germany - Ian saw it in my hand and said "that pro-Russian", I smiled and said, "I have an open mind", he said, "I have, too".

Stella told me that she read that Schimitty had been released from prison - I couldn't believe it - hadn't seen anything about it - I wonder if it is true - God, he should be free if any one is. He is worth a lot more than many that people get so excited about. . . . Schimitty was one of "God's chosen ones". By the way, Hutch has written a book of his life and you and Sasha are mentioned very beautifully (and why shouldn't you be) - don't suppose you have had a copy. Harry let me read his copy. It's interesting, knowing Hutch.

Well, Emma darling, I don't know what to say to you in your anxiety for Bertolotti - you know with all the protests and publicity and money for Sacco and Vanzetti they were finally executed - and the work we did for Mooney and Billings after twenty-two or three years they are now what is called "free". I will do what I can. I can't say more. But don't say we are callous - I know you don't mean that. I love you - and am so glad you are in the world. Don't think I do not know what anxietyx anxiety you are feeling and am trying to do what I can. What is happening about the Spanish comrades? Rose tells me that Molly is very ill and that Senya has lost his job. She is now trying to raise a fund to get them to Mexico. She tells me that the Unions have been drained dry.

All my love. But that doesn't mean much when there is so much need every where.

Anyway, my love.

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Nov. 25th. 1939.

Dear E.

I hope these few lines reach ^{you} before you leave. I also hope my preceding letter has come to you. Thanks for everything. Be assured of our diligence in behalf of our friends. I am sure that during your absence they will be thought of with the same sentiments and zeal on our part. To whom are we supposed to write or send our contributions during your absence?

Your indications on this subject will ^{be} followed of course, and I hope to receive them in a following letter which has not reached us as yet.

Meanwhile, I - together with all the friends here - wish you a very good trip and a happy one.

Fraternally Yours,

Nick Di Domenico

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Nov. 27, 1939.

Dear Comrade:

You must have thought me a regular truant that I failed to answer your very interesting letter of the 22nd. This morning I received two short scripts, one of the 25th and the other one with a cheque for \$18.85 enclosed but undated. The reason for my neglect of yours of the 22nd is that I had nothing new to tell you. You see, since the cases of A.B. and Marco are awaiting hearings, there is really nothing to write about except that our boys are keeping in good spirits, especially A.B. The hearing of Marco was to take place today, but at this writing it is about 1.30 p.m. and I haven't yet heard from our attorney whether it is or not. You know, yourself, that in immigration cases time is the most important factor. To organise any kind of a campaign, it is impossible to do so in haste. Of course, it is unfortunate that so far our friends were not admitted to bail, but, after all, what are a few weeks prison more or less for true rebels. Even when I had to serve two years, it seemed an insignificant time compared to that of my dear, old pal, Alexander Berkman who was robbed of fourteen of his most impressionable years. So we are not rushing matters, but you will be notified as soon as the hearings have taken place for then our attorney is going to try hard to get both of them, if possible, out on bail, or at least \$100,000.

Dear Comrade, you must not think that because I have been away from America for so long that I do not know the changes that have taken place in the labour unions and in all movements, including our own. I have followed up every step taken so I know perfectly well how self-satisfied, snug and even corrupt the labour leaders have become. And yet I know if I could find the right person to approach some of them, Italian and Jewish, they would respond both materially and by means of joining A Save Bortolotti Committee. I cannot bear to think that our comrade should be sacrificed because of any hesitancy on my part or friends in New York to put the labour men to a test.

I have today received from a comrade who has worked with Alexander Berkman and me for years. You may have met her, or certainly heard her name. She did a tremendous amount of work for Mooney and Billings and it was with her help that we succeeded in preventing the extradition of Alexander Berkman to San Francisco which at that time, of course, would have spelled his death. I had hoped that she would be able to act as organiser in New York for Arturo's defence. That she cannot do, but she, nevertheless, approached some people and everyone advised Carlo Tresca. Please, dear Comrade, do not get angry or excited. I would never consent to him being approached without first consulting you and the comrades of L.A. as well as Arthur. I know the feud that has

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existed between your group and Tresca's group. I know that you and others have been angry with me because I have not joined in the opposition, but that is of no importance to me. Naturally I do not want to make a single step that will add fuel to the fires. I am only going to quote from the letter of Eleanor Fitzgerald: "Alex suggested the same thing that I fully realize - that Carlo Tresca is the logical and only person in New York City to undertake to do the things necessary to save Bortolotti - but you tell me not to approach Carlo. I presume it is one of those silly feuds that seem to be the pastime among our comrades. Carlo knows the ropes, has access to all the labour unions, has handled so many of these deportation cases and has succeeded and does have influence enough to get publicity and money for such cases. Just why cannot he be asked to work on this case? I would like to know."

"I am trying to see what can be done with the Italian Unions - Bianco of the Amalgamated, Antonini of the I.L.G.W. Union - and Giovenetti of the Italian Labor Education Bureau." As far as Comrade Fitzgerald is concerned, I can vouch for her integrity and for her untainted devotion to our cause and to any one of the comrades in distress. I am giving you her opinion and her reaction and you can let me know what you have to say. I will naturally not make any steps in regard to Tresca, or permit any one else to do so until I have heard from you. By the way, someone will see A.B. tomorrow and tell him about the suggestion made by our Comrade Eleanor. Perhaps, it will be best that you write me to Winnipeg under E. G. Colton, c/o J. Silverstein, 353 Boyd Ave., Winnipeg, Man. Letters will have to be sent by air-mail, as it takes too long to get to Winnipeg. Directly I hear from you I will write to our dear comrade in New York whether or not to enlist the co-operation of C.T.

While I was dictating this I was called up by our attorney. The hearing did not take place after all. It is finally announced for a week from today. Meanwhile our friends will be looked after as after as it is possible to contribute to their cheer and comfort. Needless to say, our attorney will keep in daily touch with me and keep me informed of everything. Besides our dear Comrade Dorothy Rogers will be in charge of the correspondence in my absence. I have today procured a Power of Attorney for her in the bank, but I must call your attention to the fact that every cheque or money-order should be addressed Dorothy Giescke, this being her legal name, without which she could not collect any money. The address is the same as mine. We are living together.

I repeat, dear Comrade, I know the nature of the labour leaders. I followed up their development, or rather their regression. It is not only for the sake of money that I expect them to contribute, it is more the publicity their interest would rouse; and without publicity in the matter and a concerted protest we will not affect anybody here nor will we succeed in saving our comrade from the terrible fate should he be sent to Italy.

I also know the nature of the liberals. In point of fact, I have long maintained with Henrik Ibsen "that the liberals are the most illiberal people in the world". For myself, I would rather deal with out-and-out conservatives than with liberals who can never be depended upon. Here I feel again that if we could succeed in arousing the interest of the most sincere among them, and there must be a few, we would have better chances with the

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success of our campaign. But you and I need not clash over the corruption of the whole labour and radical movement in the United States, or here. The tragic thing is, dear Comrade, that they are no better in Europe. More and more, we stand alone. We must face this fact and do what we can without losing our own integrity.

Thanks for the cheque for \$18.85.

Fraternally,

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TELEPHONE MELROSE 2221



Emma Goldman

299 VAUGHAN ROAD

TORONTO
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Nov. 27, 1939

Dearest Milly:

I am in a great hurry because I have a hundred things to do and I am leaving for Winnipeg tomorrow night, but I must answer your last letter, if only to tell you that I did make a mistake. I took your initials of the SIA for FAS, although I should have known that the blessed paper is in a habit of taking but never giving. I looked over your letter of the 14th and discovered much to my disgrace that I had made a mistake. No, the FAS has not only not sent \$200.00 but not even the amount that surely has come in in response to my appeal. The Jewish comrades have certainly proven indifferent to Arthur's fate. I cannot imagine that everyone has failed to respond.

There is nothing new about Arthur Bortolotti's case and that of our young Cuban comrade who is also held by the Immigration authorities. His hearing was to take place today. Perhaps I will know the outcome before I mail this letter. Nothing can be done until the hearing is over.

I wish you would write me what you have in mind when you say that Fizzi would not be good as the organizer for A.B. to round up a Save Bortolotti Committee. In any event she has refused, but she has nevertheless gone to see Alex Cohen and some others and she is to see them again. She writes that those she has seen advised Trasca. They were sure that he has the necessary influence and entre to everybody, that he has saved a number of Italians from deportation and that he could do that for Arthur. But Rudolf and I know the feud that has existed for so long between the people of L'Adonate and Tresca. I do not see for the life of me how I can approach Tresca because the L'A people would never consent to it and I do not know whether Arthur would. I will have someone see him tomorrow and ask what he thinks about it, but I know beforehand that he will not want any help from Tresca. Arthur is very much bigger than most of the Italian comrades. I am sure he would not object, if it were not that he would not want to hurt the comrades of the paper and they certainly will be up in arms even with the suggestion. Well, we will see. But one thing is certain, unless we get moral and financial support from some of the labour organizations we will hardly be able to carry on a campaign necessary to save Arthur.

I have tried everytime I came to Canada to get to the West and I rather think with some further patience I might have succeeded in getting people in Calgary, Edmonton and Vancouver interested. So far it has not been encouraging. However, I

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cannot really afford the time to be away from here, so I am just going to Winnipeg where they have arranged five lectures, three Jewish and two English. Wish me luck. You can write me there under R. O. Colton, c/o J. Silverstein, 338 Boyd Ave., Winnipeg, Man.

With love to Rudolf and yourself and fraternal greetings to all the comrades. *ch*

P. S. -- Regarding a letter from Fitzi which reached me today tells me that she had been in telephone connection with Rose Pesotta - that she had told Fitzi that she was trying to raise money to enable Molly and Senia to go to Mexico. That might prove a solution to their difficulties. Anyway, it could not be worse than where they are now without earning and without any outlook of a job, not to speak of the terrible tensity which must affect poor Molly. So if you can do something along that line, privately among the comrades, do so. It would be well that you should get in touch with Rose Pesotta, c/o I.L.G.W.U., 25 La Grange St., Boston, Mass., so you should not work at crossroads.



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Emma Goldman

295 VAUGHAN ROAD

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Nov. 27, 1939.

Darling Fitz:

I was overjoyed to get yours of the 25th. I am able to answer it before I leave for Winnipeg tomorrow night at 11.10. I hate like the devil to leave Arthur's case hanging in the air, but I have disappointed the Winnipeg comrades once. Actually, I was to be there the 12th of this month. I begged off and now I must go. The other Western cities having failed me I will only be gone three weeks, as the comrades in Winnipeg have arranged only five meetings, two English and three Jewish, so I expect to be back here the 20th of December. Write me under Colton, c/o J. Silverstein, 338 Boyd Ave., Winnipeg, Man, but do not fail to send the letters by air mail as it would otherwise take too long for me to get them.

Dearest, own Fitz, I did not mean to hurt your feelings, when I said you were tired. You gave me that impression over the 'phone. Nor did I mean to imply that you have grown indifferent or callous. It never occurred to me that you would be that way, or that H.W. is that way. I had in mind other "friends" a la Roger Baldwin, or Carlo Tresca. You remember nearly two years ago the latter wrote me that he would undertake to get me back to America. Well, with the exception of \$50.00 which Margaret sent me to London and which I used for the Spanish comrades and the \$50.00 which he contributed to my anniversary, Carlo hasn't lifted a finger in my case and I am very doubtful whether he would do anything for A.B. even if Arthur and the L'Adonata people would consent.

I agree with you, darling, that one of the saddest aspects of our movement, little as there is of it, is the everlasting recriminations against each other and the feuds which exist, especially among the foreign comrades in the United States and Canada. Perhaps, there is no such wrangling among American sympathisers - that is because there are so few, but it is certainly true of the foreign elements. I have known in all the fifty years of my public activities a group of Anarchists whose members were not at each others' throats and this holds good with even greater force between groups of different ideologies. Well, it happens that the L'A. comrades have been in a deadly tussle with Tresca and his group. I have always suspected that it was due to the personal wranglings of C.T. and Borghi. It began when the latter arrived in the United States. In point of fact, our own people have tried to draw into their squabble Sasha and me charging C.T. with being a spy and a lot of other fancy names. That was about five years ago. We demanded proofs and when that was not forthcoming, we simply would not budge. Since then, the L'A. has

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several times attacked me because I wrote a kindly letter about C.T. I naturally did not mind that and when the Italians here got into trouble I immediately wrote the comrades of L'A. and have been in friendly communication with them ever since. I have just written the editor, Domenico, and have quoted the part of your letter which deals with the proposition of C.T. I feel certain that they will fly off the handle and they will never consent that he should act in behalf of Arthur. Nevertheless, I am going to propose this to Arthur tomorrow, though I am certain that he too will not consent. It happens that Arthur is very big in his outlook and in his character. Possibly he would not object to C.T. as far as he, himself, is concerned, but he would not want to do anything that would hurt the comrades of L'A. Anyway, I will write you again when I know of Arthur's attitude.

I am very grateful, darling Fitz, that you have taken the time to see Alex Cohen and that you will also see the Italians you mention in your letter. I think I will write Giovannitti. I used to know him well and he may respond favourably in helping our campaign among the Italians.

I am not sure that Hilda would be the right person for the job. Of course, she may have grown and developed in the years I haven't seen her. In this matter I would have to rely on your judgment. Rose Pesotta is not very good in that matter. She is a dear girl, but she has the tendency to pass up the buck and in Arthur's case she has proven very disappointing. I have written her right after the arrest and begged her to get in touch with the Italian comrades. (There must be many who worked ardently for Sacco and Vanzetti.) After several weeks she wrote me that she had seen Felicani and that he would get the Italians together. Three weeks has passed since then and not a word from Rose. I wrote her a letter Saturday in which I put my very soul. I asked her to see Felicani and urge him to act quickly in re Arthur. I wonder whether she will answer.

The money has not yet arrived, but it is all right whenever it comes. Please thank Alex Cohen for it. Tell him it comes at a very necessary time. The fortune raised in June has nearly dwindled to nothing and I have no way of earning a single penny. Perhaps the Winnipeg meetings will bring something, but I am not very hopeful because the trip alone costs \$56.00 return including the sleeper. I am, of course, not going first class.

I am afraid my article to Malcolm Cowley will strike a hornet's nest. I did not realise that he was still one of the devout fellow-travellers. I rather doubt whether he will bring the article. You see I could not address it to the NEW REPUBLIC as that might have held up the article so I addressed it to his name and address of the NEW REPUBLIC. You might also kindly call up Freda Firschwey. I sent her an article also on Saturday with a personal letter to her. I just want to know whether they have reached her.

Dorothy Rogers is remaining in charge of the A.B. case in my absence. Rogers is her maiden name. In case of any money it will have to be sent to Mrs. Dorothy Giesecke to 295 Vaughan Rd.

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My dearest, you have all reasons to be pessimistic. I am that myself when I see how little all our efforts have achieved. But I could not go on living if I could not be kept busy at something. I had to neglect our wonderful Spanish comrades because I had to appeal for funds for Arthur. When his case is settled, I will begin again to work for the Spaniards. Meanwhile some of them are working in the fields in France and in some industries, but the bulk is still in those frightful concentration camps.

I had a letter from Senia and they are both in a frightful position. I hope Rose will succeed in getting enough money to ship them to Mexico for they will perish in France.

Indeed, I know that Stella is far from well. I can see that from her letter, a copy of which I enclose. Please let only Pauline read them and destroy them after that. It is, nevertheless, a marvellous achievement that she can write so coherently and clearly. I can only cling to the hope that she will soon become her old vivid self.

Do not be angry with me, dear Fitz. I know I have your devotion and your sterling quality, but sometimes I feel very unhappy with the hopelessness as far as the United States is concerned. I hold you close to my heart. Love to Pauline.

and milk life in general

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CANADIAN ADMINISTRATION

314 BAY STREET, PORT ARTHUR, ONT.

November 27,

Mrs. E. G. Colton,
295 Vaughan Road,
Toronto, Ont.,

Dear Fellow Worker;-

Received your letter today as well as receipt for the funds sent from here for defense of the Fellow Workers now on trial in Toronto.

The trains coming through here both east and west stop for fifteen minutes only I believe, but it could easily be arranged for me to meet you on the platform when your train arrives here either on the way west or coming back east as you see fit, it would in no way inconvenience me, and I am sure would be a pleasure to meet a member of the working class who has fought through thick and thin for an ideal that would make an more abundant life for all workers would they only grasp the significance of it, so anytime you may be coming this way, I'll be more than glad to meet you at the station for a few minutes.

I trust that Fellow Worker Bartolotti is fortunate enough to win his case against deportation to his native Italy, it certainly would go hard with him were he deported back to that land of Fascism.

I wonder if Fellow Worker Dorothy Rogers ever runs into Fellow Worker Thornberg I believe his name is, there was a member here asking me if it would be possible to contact him in regards to securing a book that seems to be all the rage across the line, "The Grapes of Wrath", it appears from the information given me by this member that F. L. Thornberg is able to get certain books at a discount, if it would be at all possible to contact him, or send us his address where we may write him, we would appreciate this very much,

Hoping to hear from you at some future date, and trusting that your trip may be a success financially and otherwise,

With best wishes,

I am, Fraternally,

James Heney

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November 27, 1939

Dear Emma:

Your letter of November 20th received. I believe you misunderstood Millie Rucker concerning the \$200.00. I sent a copy of your letter to Millie and received a reply via air-mail informing me that she mentioned the SIA, not the FAS. The FAS did not decide to contribute \$200.00 towards the Bortolotti Fund, not because we have no desire to help, but simply because we are in no position to do so. The FAS is running on a weekly deficit of \$175.00. We are in debt over our head for thousands of dollars. You can therefore understand that under such conditions we cannot do as much as we would like to.

Up to date, not a cent has come in to our office in answer to your appeal. If we had collected any money for Bortolotti, you can rest assured that we would have sent the money directly to you and not to Los Angeles.

In your letter, you berate the Jewish comrades for their indifference towards the Bortolotti Fund. It isn't a question of indifference on their part, but the fact remains that the same small group of people are called upon time and time again to help various funds. Now isn't the time to mention names or occasions when these comrades helped in every way possible. You know this as well as I do.

Fitzie was in the office today and we had a chat about who would be an ideal person to undertake the raising of a Bortolotti Fund. I mentioned a few names. It is very difficult to get an individual with contacts in the labor and trade union movement. Fitzie has several appointments tomorrow in reference to this question. I suppose she will write you more details.

Last week I received \$20.00 from Rose Mirsky for your fund. I shall speak to Grishkan to send you whatever money he already has on hand.

Greetings from all the comrades.

Fraternally yours,

Samuel Freedman

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A. Williams
303 Seneca st.
Buffalo, N.Y.

Nov 27/1939

Dear Comrade:

I received your letter today and I am answering it quickly. I am very sorry that you have misinterpreted my first letter. But, as you say, that is not important now and we will not go into any details.

I enclose an American Express m. o. of \$6.25 accompanied by your subscription list.

The names - except one - are not that of anarchists, but are anti-fascists.

Personally I do not understand clearly what anti-fascists mean, unless you mean those who arrested man's progress, betrayed betrayals; those of the clique that killed the Russian revolution, or the kind that cowardly murdered Berneri and others in Spain of what a disonest and hypocrite band!

For my part I can't associate with them. There is an anti-fascist here whom is much in contact with different groups and who seems to have much influence among them. If you wish to get in touch with him and urge him to come to the aid of our comrades, I am willing to give you his name and address if you promise that this was not given to you by me but that you have obtained it some way or another that you can't recall.

Trusting that you will do this, I am sending it. A. Zavarrella, 303 Seneca st.
Buffalo, N.Y.

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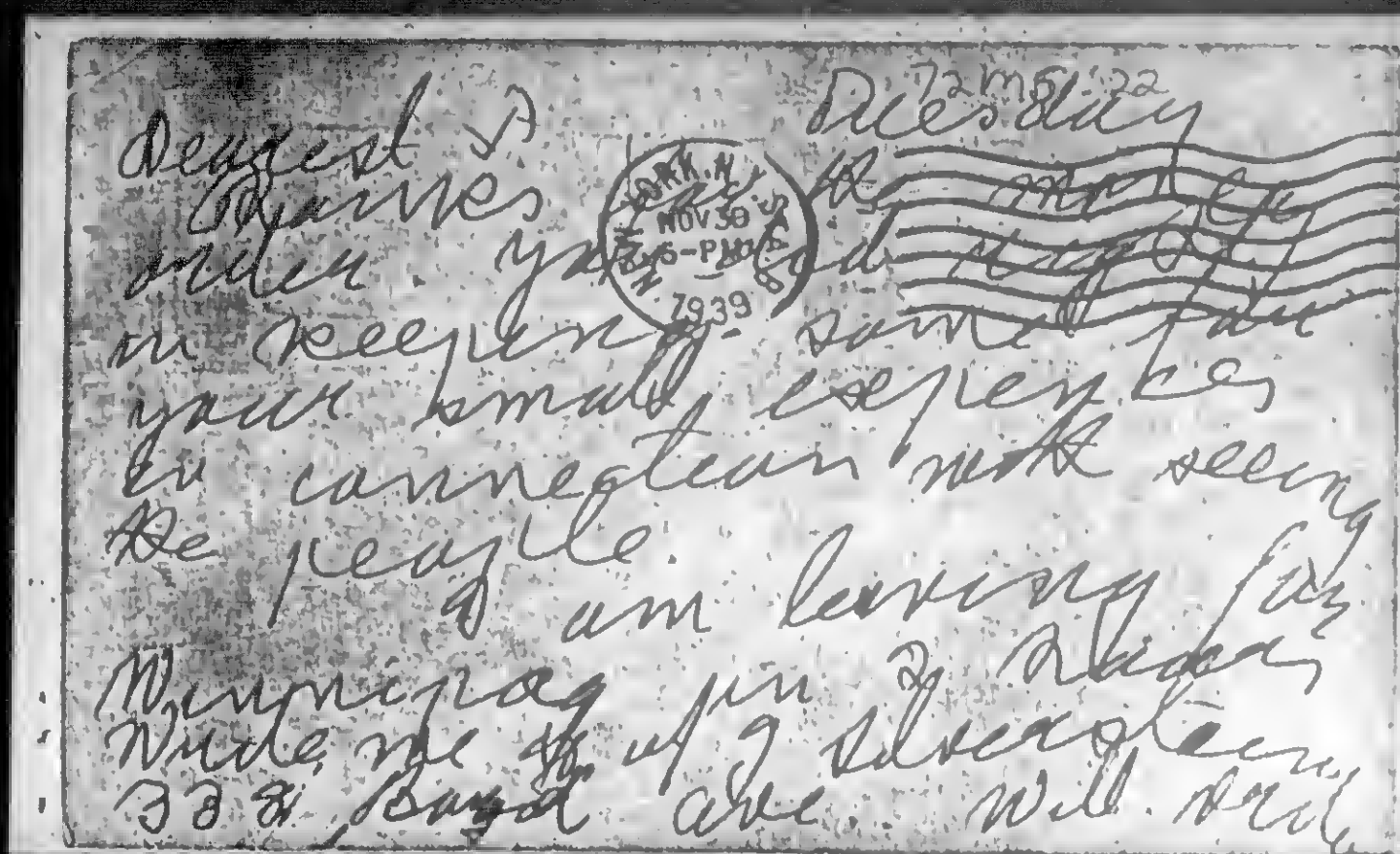
I close with my best regards to you
and those whom at present are still in
the clutches of the law.

fraternally yours
H. Williams

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Emma Goldman

255 VAUGHAN ROAD

TORONTO

ONTARIO

NOV. 28, 1939.

Dearest Liza:

When I tell you that I have to leave tonight for Winnipeg, still have pecking to finish and yet am writing you, you will realise how great my love is for you - but then why should it not be? You were one of the few bright spots in my English life, so devoted and so very kind. Never could I forget that. I was glad to get your dear letter of the 12th. It went through quite quickly, in twelve days, which is not very long during war-time.

I realise, my dear, how your life is and the conditions. I think of you always and wonder how you are managing to get along. I did not know that Molly had gone to Scotland. I was quite surprised to hear that she remained there and yet it was the only thing to do with her children. I suppose you must find it terribly fatiguing to do the entire house yourself. You are so painstaking. Do not work too much, dear. Your health is more important than the house.

What do you hear from Luba? I wish I knew how she is getting along and how things are in Palestine. I know that it is not much better in Palestine or anywhere in Europe. Still I wanted so very much to hear from her. When you write her give her my love.

I am enclosing a statement I have sent out about the success of getting my Italian friends liberated. Alas, only two. The third one is held for deportation. I need not tell you what it would mean should he be sent to Italy. So I am hard at work to save him this terrible plight. I am enclosing a copy of an article and also copies of letters to Herbert Reed and Ethel. Lastly I am enclosing two letters from my beloved Stella which will show you she is still far from entirely recovered, but the fact that she could write a clear letter on the machine is in itself proof for her progress. But it will take a long time I fear.

As I said, I am going to Winnipeg tonight to be gone three weeks. My thoughts and my heart remain here in the work I have carried on for my splendid Italian comrade.

Yes, I have had a letter from Mrs. Zuckerman and I answered it, but I haven't heard from her since. I dare say she is getting along since she is with friends and far away from the scene of war.

Dearest Liza, I would lie if I were not to admit that I prefer Canada to England. Canada too is dead, especially this city, absolutely no public spirit, no liberalism and no cultural

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life to speak of and yet I am glad to be away from the country that has caused me so much pain, or rather should I say from some of the people who have caused me so much pain. But while I am not regretting to be here I miss you more than I can tell you. We were so close together even in silence and I have grown to love you deeply. But what can one do? One no longer has the freedom of the possibility to decide one's life. It is all done for you in a rotten way.

Dearest Liza, this will reach before Christmas. Please buy yourself something for the enclosed two Canadian dollars. I want very much for you to have a little gift from me. With lots of my love. Remember me to our mutual friends.

With love,

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November 28, 1939

E. G. Colton
338 Boyd Avenue, c/o Silverstein
Winnipeg, Manitoba

Dear Emma,

I arrived this morning after being away from Boston for over two weeks. Your letter came about an hour after my arrival, hence the immediate reply. I left Boston on the 10th, was in Washington and New York at a conference and was quite busy. During that time a number of letters came; one from Senia in Paris. I had not heard from them for quite some time and was very much worried; Senia explained it all - Molly is very sick, as you will learn from the enclosed letter. Besides, Arthur's case and the cases of the refugees keep us busy most of the time. Let me tell you that I have been talking to everyone about Arthur. People are so busy here collecting funds for refugees, friends in Poland, Austria, Germany, that when I tell them about the Canadian case they say: "Well, one more case."

Saturday morning I went to see Harry Weinberger. He gave me your letter to read, later Fitzie phoned and I spoke to her. After the conference with Harry, I had an appointment with Abe Bluestein and his father. Everyone is anxious to do something for Arthur. Unfortunately, we had a very sad experience in our own union in the case of Salitto-Ferrero which makes it impossible for me to again approach them for funds. When Salitto and Ferrero were brought to Ellis Island and bail was needed, I persuaded my union to furnish \$2,000 bail. In the case of Salitto, the bail was returned after his release, but Ferrero vanished and I am still responsible for the \$1,000. It is very precarious for me to go to the same people and I therefore suggest that Mendel Bluestein round up the people instead of me. I believe that he will be able to get a little money. Little Hilda Kovner, Sam Adel's wife is now working in New York City, and can be reached at her place of employment: - Sherman Foods, 55 West 16th Street, New York City. She used to do secretarial work for Fitzie during the deportation period and she may be able to do it now if it was offered to her. As for myself, I was and still am busy trying to get Molly and Senia out of Paris. We are trying to find a way of getting two visas for them to enter Mexico. Meanwhile, a fund will have to be raised for that purpose and the

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95 Christopher Street
New York City

November 29, 1939

Dearest Emma:

Of course, I'm not angry with you - how could I be. I hope my letter didn't sound like that. . . I felt so helpless to actually do anything for Bertolotti. But this much I have started: finally saw Giovannitti this morning (he is so crippled with arthritis that he could scarcely walk this morning and after seeing me was leaving for his doctor) - he knew about the case - said he would see Antonini (L. Antonini, Italian Waist & Dressmakers' Union, Local #89, 218 West 40th Street, New York City) head of one of the most important Italian locals - would prepare the way for me to see him. He has political influence as well as being important in the Labor Movement. I was in the neighborhood of Alex's office so dropped up to see him, and there, fortunately, was a meeting in Alex's office of seven or eight heads of Italian locals - I told the story to them and one of them was calling a meeting at 4 p.m. today and would take up the matter of funds, etc etc. It seems that your lawyer Cohen is also the Amalgamated's lawyer in Toronto. On Monday I saw A. Bellanca (I spelled his name wrong in my former letter) who has an office in the same building and on the same floor with Alex. He has grown very white and looked rather feeble - hadn't seen him since the work for Political Prisoners years ago - he said he had connections in Canada and would write a couple of letters - both Alex and Giovannitti said they would remind him as a letter from him would have influence in favor of Bertolotti. He said, "oh, these good Anarchists who refuse to take out citizenship papers - I understand them, but these days one has to do it." I feel encouraged with Giovannitti and Alex - I'll keep after them. And if we can get Antonini to move (and I see no reason why not as all the Italian Unions are very Anti-Fascist).

Giovannitti suggested that I see Carlo although he knew the feud of long standing - but said that wouldn't make any difference to Carlo that he would do something and could do a great deal. I haven't seen him yet though Alex wanted to arrange for lunch with him on Monday and another Italian, Pizzato (or some such name) seems to know me and expressed a desire to see me again, but I may remember him when I see his face.

It doesn't seem to me that Hilda is just the right person to head the work here in New York City - let's see what can be accomplished among the Italians first - she is good and faithful and does have sense - but she is not known in the Labor Movement.

I don't know, of course, what will result from my seeing people, but feel encouraged and they are definitely interested and promised to do things. The Unions have so many demands made on them for money for Refugees, etc etc etc that I am told they do not have big sums to give, but was promised that they will do what they can - no one can do more than that. The fact that B. is in trouble for his anti-fascist work is what interests them and moves them to help. I was glad that I met so many of the Italian labor men in Alex's office this morning - all in one spot. Also glad to know that Cohen represents the Amalgamated in Canada.

Pauline and I are having dinner with Stella and family this evening - go there at 7 o'clock - but have to leave to get to the Labor Stage at 8:30 to see a man about a job with the Vienna Group that came over after Austria was gobbled up by Hitler - they had good notices

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last season when they opened up here. They are renting the Labor stage (the I.L.G.W. Union's theatre that has been running "Pins & Needles" for over two years - this production is now playing up town and they are renting their small theatre) to these players and Louis Schaffer who is Executive Director of Labor stage had promised to use me in their work called me Saturday and asked me to get in touch with these Vienna Players as what he had in mind for me was further off. I'll see what comes of it.

I think Stella's letters to you are very good - shows a much better state of mind than she seemed to me when I saw her on Friday, I think it was - her letters to you sound very encouraging indeed. She needs to build up physically - she's so thin and little. I hope your meetings in Winnipeg will be profitable for you.

I hope your meetings in Winnipeg will be profitable for you. Money even when one has any seems to dwindle fast. I think I will have to see the Bank in New Milford, Conn. and see if I can put a couple of hundred dollars more mortgage on the little place in order to tide me over. Rent and everything is due again within a day or two, and I cannot meet it otherwise. I hate to add more to the mortgage, now have \$1300. on the place, but don't see what else to do.

Much much love always; Emma dear.

Fitz

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Nov. 29 h. 1939.

Dear Comrade:

We have just received your letter of the 27th. Many thanks. I assure you that your absence notwithstanding, all we can do to help our friends in need will be done following your indications.

As for the rest, I have not had the opportunity to consult any of the comrades who work with us. I will do it as soon as possible. Meanwhile, here is my opinion. I feel sure it reflects faithfully the opinions of our comrades on this subject. But, should any of them feel otherwise, either I or the comrades themselves will certainly let you know.

I have never met comr de Fitz. But I have known her name since the times of "The BLAST", and especially since the arrest of Mooney and Billings, et al. So the name and what it implies is not new to me.

I can not think of anything which might persuade me to accept much less to seek any kind of help - for myself or ^{my} dear ones - from Tresca. Having never met the man, my personal lifeline never having in ^{the} slightest way crossed or approached his, I am certain that there is absolutely nothing personal in this attitude of mine. I strongly believe him to be dishonest, both morally and politically, and, whatever his public attitude may be at times, a dangerous insidious enemy of our movement and comrades. I don't say he is a paid spy, but I am sure he acts like an "agent provocateur", and a spy. It is my belief that through personal connections you might succeed in having him take publicly an interest in the situation of our comrades; but it is also my belief that within himself he wishes Arthur to be jailed or deported, and underhandedly will do his best to neutralize whatever agitation might be undertaken in his favor. This is my candid opinion.

I decline to take the responsibility of making even the motion of "vetoing" the steps you propose to take in order ~~to~~ ^{to} interesting this man in the case of our persecuted comrades. For my part, I leave it entirely

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upon your shoulders, and above all on Arthur's shoulders, since he knows the man and is fully able to make a decision, on the matter.

Should he, or you, or anyone else, make such a step, I would of course feel bound to continue to give all the assistance to the Comrades who are persecuted, I am personally able to give; but any kind of cooperation, direct or indirect, with any group or body of men including Tresca, would be out of the question. I say again I am sure that most of the Comrades who cooperate with us - if not all - feel likewise.

What is to be done then? Defend our friends of course with all the means at our disposal, which are very poor. Why not try if an echo can be raised in London? In my opinion Arthur is a pawn in the hands of the Government in times of great stress. It is evident - we also have a precedent from 1914 - that he was arrested at the instigation of the Italian Consulate. No serious ^{cause} existing to justify his deportation to Italy, and the British Government being usually reluctant to deport for political reasons, the tenacity which is being put to work to deport Arthur can be explained only in one way. This: If the Government has hopes that Italy will take side in its favor, it will do anything to please it and A. will be deported no matter who speaks in his favor; if, on the contrary, the Government feels that no amount of coddling is going to persuade Italy to take sides in its favor, then he will be released somehow or another. Of course my opinion amounts to very little. But it may help to realize what ^{meager} chance there is of finding voices willing to speak in favor of our friend among the leaders of Labor, who are mostly pro' Allies and would therefore be more ^{than oppose} willing- disposed to applaud the deportation of A. to Italy in case this country ~~is~~ sides with them.

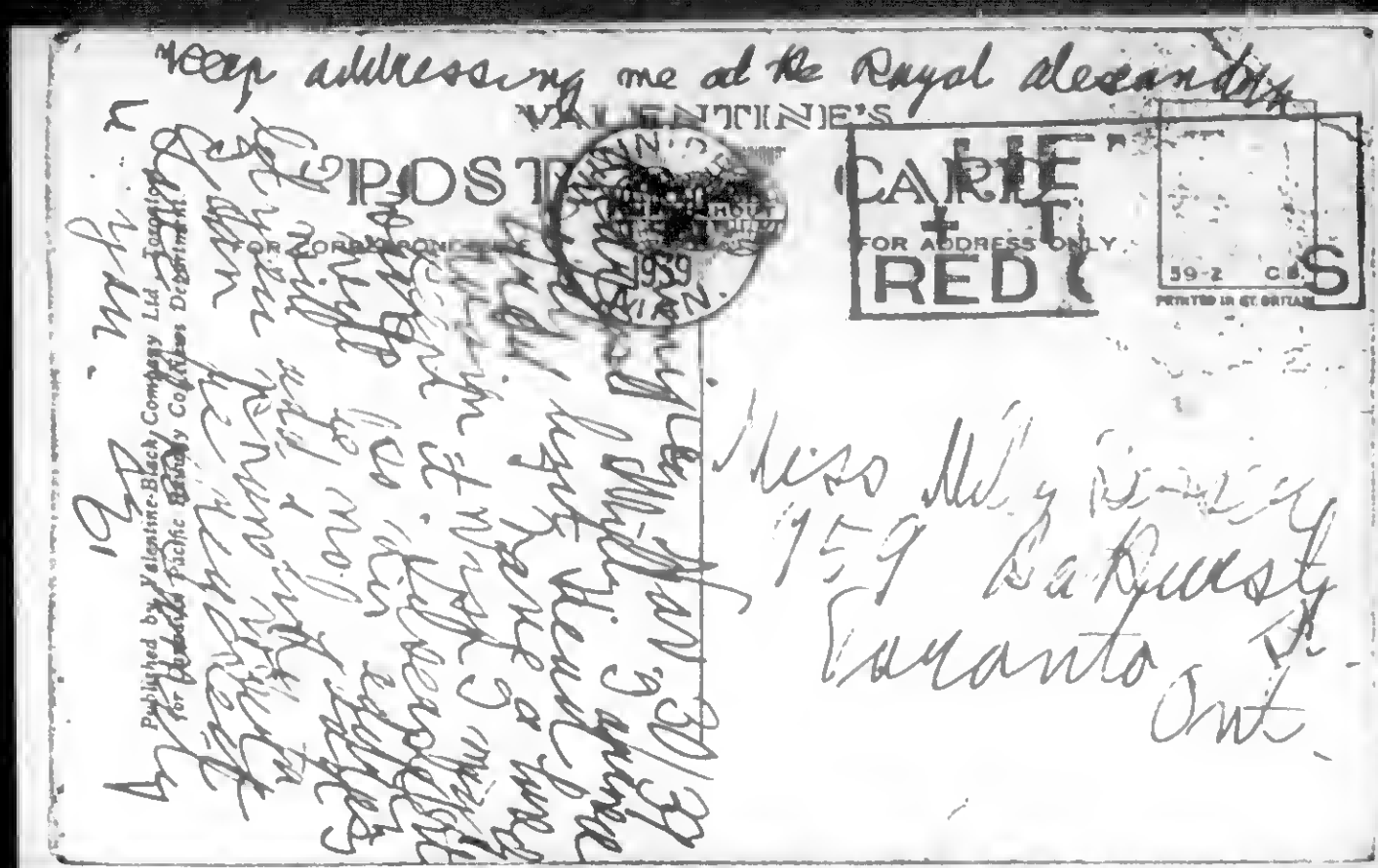
Yes dear Comrade, we are more than ever alone. Which is no cause for despair. I am sure it is not the first time in your life you must have felt this loneliness. But truth is still with us, and so is the cause of freedom and civilization. Fraternally Yours

Nick Di Domenico

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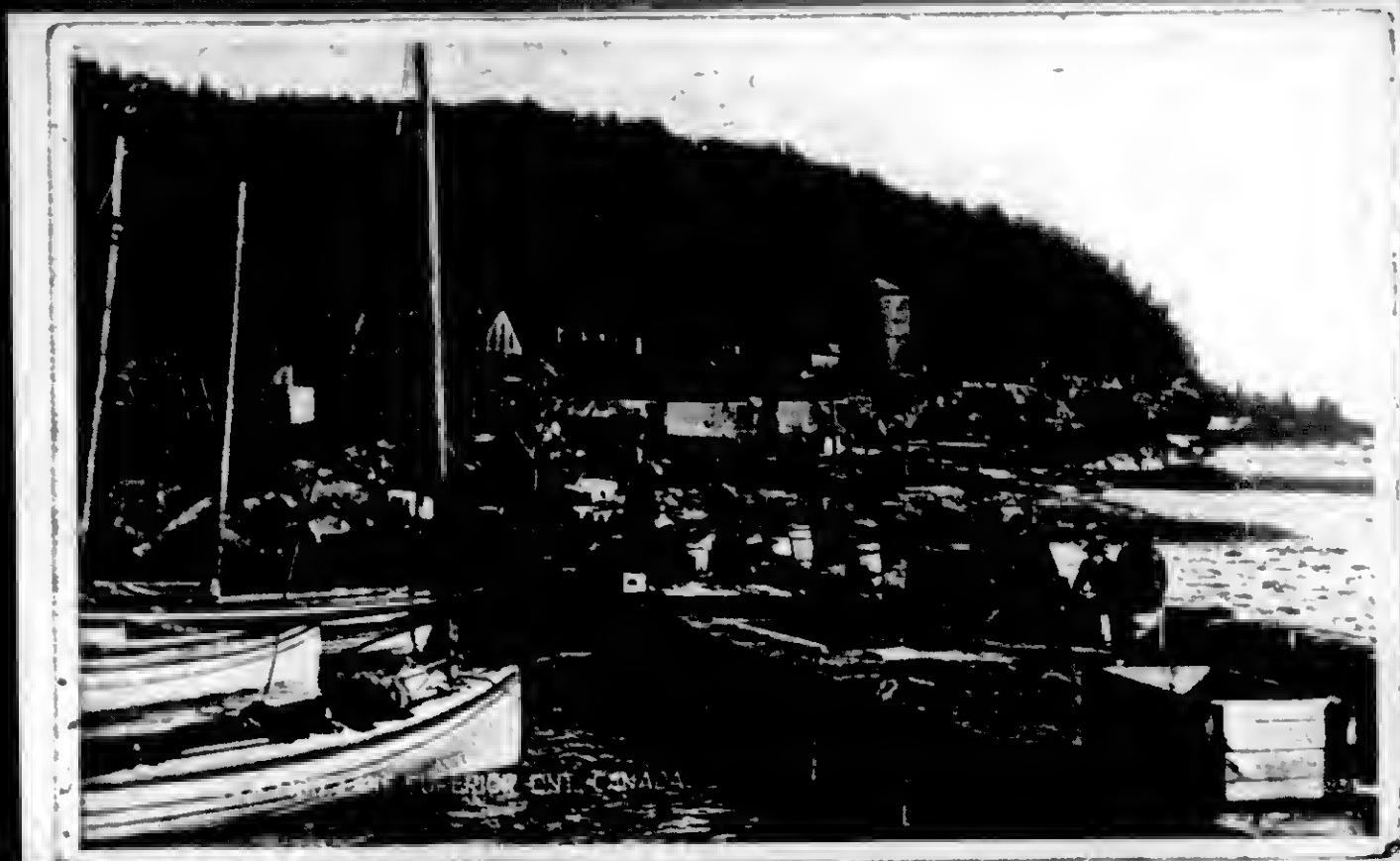
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My dear Emma, I wish you forgot me for not writing. You are
so young, so energetic, so active! One never knows when Emma is getting
England, Spain, France, Canada. But to the point I am very, very hard
follower or corresponding. I let Margaret do it for me in our relations with
you. We don't forget you, Emma! We send a telegram when we know that
Emma was in Toronto. we send one at your birthday. And we about
on working at our desire to have you back in U.S. land, if the desire
remains that, the reason is not in the lack of our effort in getting it
materialize. We have urged and urged everybody we know at Washington
and New York. Margaret is in dispute about it and she is with Washington.
The war situation has made the things more difficult than ever.
I know very well that you are busy on a bureau and many times I long
of you with appreciation.
After following the Proletarian case very closely and with considerable interest.
The first one who came to me about the case was the young editor of the paper
and is accompanied. That very brave comrade Clara Zetkin. At that time
conditional impulse. I promised to try to do what I have not done. To do
all in my power to do to help. After a several days I decided to do just
as much as any comrade he is under circumstances. I contributed to the fund
for defense. I told Sidney Wilson in plain words, what I decided to keep my
impulsive ambition before you. Very, very, for Proletarian. I think that is a
small fellow and comrade! But in the past I have experienced very
bad ingratitude from the hands he is associated. You must know the whole
story. Of course! You don't believe that I am a spy. And I feel to share
what I myself and I have a personal affinity that he alone must think
and it is for this reason that I must never trouble you, my dear
Emma, with such unpleasantness.
Proletarian is very well defended in the way related to children to him he must
feel that defense is in good hands. And after all I am human - if you
you my dear Emma call on me do so with your feelings. your call is
always a command for me. My best wishes to you, I feel, for the
new year. Affectionately yours
Carlo Tresca

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Winnipeg Dec. 2nd 39

Dear Comrade. Your letter reached me yesterday. It did not dis-
appoint me because I knew the bitterness that exists among the
comrades of L'Adunato against Tresca. In fact I have been approached
by Italian comrades when I was in Windsor trying to make me take
a stand against Tresca. I could not do that because no one of your
group ever gave me a scintilla of proofs against the man. And I
could not possibly brand anyone as spy unless I had irrevocable
facts to prove that he is one. However I knew of the feud and
therefore had debated with myself whether I should write you about
the suggestion made to our comrade Fitzgerald in re Tresca or not.
However, I felt it my duty to do so because Arthur's life and safety
means more to me than any objections I might have to T. or any of
the other labor leaders. After all life has us by the throat, we
are forced to do a hundred and one thing that we could not if we
try justify from our viewpoint. We know governments to be rotten
to the core yet we must get their favor in the way of passports or
get off the earth. It therefore does not seem such frightful in-
consistency to consent to Tresca's help if it can save Arthur from
sure death. But I do not want to mix in the currls of my Italian
comrades. I believe too deeply in personal freedom to ever try to
impose my will, or my opinions on anyone. Besides I feel sure Arthur
like you will refuse to have Tresca do anything for him. I sent him
word through our attorney as it was impossible to tell him any-
thing when I visited the dreadful jail where Arthur is. I am waiting
for a letter of Cohen to let me know what Arthur had to say though
I feel sure he will say NO. And without his consent I certain will
not give my consent that Tresca should be approached.

I had a long letter from comrade Fitzgerald she tells me she
was lucky to catch about six of the Italian Labor outfit and they
promised to help. Especially Giovannetti. I hope they do. For there
is nothing to be expected from Toronto. Your diagnosis in re the
Italians government and Arthur maybe correct. I am certain they
want Arthur back. The very thought gives me shivers and I will leave
nothing undone to save him that frightful ordeal to throw his life
away for nothing. I wonder whether Malatesta would not have thought
any feud between groups of radical Italians worth Arthur's life. I
doubt it because he was so big and so very human. Of course that
is no reason why you or the other comrades should not make your
own decisions. It is only that our movement has made some comrades
very fanatical and unrelenting. Forgive me please for saying so.
As I do not know you personally, or rather I cannot recollect having
been thrown together with you in the olden days I do not mean to
apply the term fanaticism to you. But you will agree that we do ha-
ve comrades who can rise above personal grievances.

I do not know yet how long I will have to stay here. My
last meeting is next Sunday and I would leave the next day I am so
anxious and worried about the Toronto end. But the comrades hope to
organize several more meetings for the week after this. Meanwhile
please continue to write me c/o J. Silverstein 338 Boyd Avenue. I
am leaving this hotel Monday for a cheaper place. Inclosed clipp-
ings will interest you.

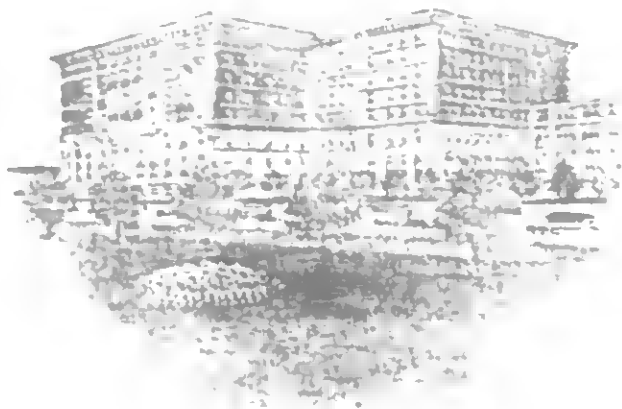
Fraternally

E. G.

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WINNIPEG, MAN.

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Darling Fitz. You are a brick to see all these Italiens who might help save Arthur. The indifference I met with in Toronto and the aloofness of the Jewish comrades have been most discouraging. Whatever will come out of your efforts dearest you will have tried. And I'd rather have you approach the labor ~~gag~~ than anyone else in the world. It is after all the personal appeal that counts. And how could Hilda do it? I know she is a dear and willing to help. I am sure she would work like a beaver. But that is not enough. The personal charm you can give does move these damned cynical labor outfit I am sure. I hope therefore you will continue to be after them.

I am sorry to hear about Giovanetti. I did not know he was so ill. More credit to him that he is willing to help. But nothing doing about Tresca. We simply must leave him out. I have not yet learned Arthurs reaction. I sent him word through J.L. Cohen before I left Toronto. I have not yet heard from C. but I am reasonably certain he will not agree. As to the L'Adunato people here is what Dominico, the editor has to say. I see it is too much to copy so here is the whole letter. Please send it back. Since the Italines feel that way about Tresca and I am sure ALL of the group do, then it is no use forcing it. Besides, as I said Arthur will not consent Tresca should be ~~appro~~ approached though I feel reasonably certain he might if it were not for himself. It is a dreadful thing for people who want to change the world to be so set, so fanatical and so bitter. But what is one to do? I cannot take the responsibility on my shoulders, besides, I am not at all convinced that Tresca would do anything. He has failed me completely. He has done nothing, not even the slightest attempt. There is no reason to assume he would get busy in Arthurs case. So lets not do anything to interest him. If only the Italiens you have approached would really get busy they might accomplish much for Arthur. Since I have ^{no} access to them I must rely on you to do what you can.

Yes, Cohen is the attorney for the Labor Unions in Toronto. But just because of it he can do nothing with them. He cannot ask them for material help ~~xxxxx~~ and they are not of

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of much importance with the authorities. However if the International or the Garment workers in New York would speak up through their leaders Toronto would fall in line. I hope they do. I am terribly worried about Arthur. I had a letter from Rose P. She has a habit *side* of passing up the Buck. After three weeks ~~since~~ she wrote me a long epistle that she cannot approach Dubinsky because Ferrero had vanished and she was still \$1000 short on is bail. She referred me to a man by the name of Charles S. Zimmerman who is the secry manager of the Dressmakers Union Local 22. Whether she means I should approach him for Arthur, or for the E.G. Spanish Refugee Testimonial Fund I do not know. She does write that she spoke to Dunbinsky about that and he said he would give \$100 if I would sendt him an official letter with the names of the refugees I want to help. Nice of him isn't it. The President of so rich an organisation as the International would give \$100. I ask you? Well, since Rose will not approach Dubinsky for Arthur someone else will have to. It is absurd to make so much fuss about Mr Dubinsky, an upstart if ever there was one. It makes me sick to my stomach. But it is for Arthur and I would go a long way to save him. Yes, I also want to help my poor Spaniards but just at present Arthur is in greater danger.

Last nights meeting, Jewish, was not bad considering that t the weather was bad, the first blizard and people unprepared for such rigid weather because it was so warm until yesterday. In fact Thursday when I arrived it was so hot I nearly melted away in my winter clothes. Tomorrows meeting even if largely attended will bring nothing for me as no charge can be made here Sunday. Altog~~x~~ ether I shall be glad if expences are paid, it costs a fortune to get here and back. I haven't seen a penny from lectures in I do not know how many years, in fact since my return to America and then it was only Chicago that saved the situation. I feel sure I could realize some money if I could get back. But it is hopeless and I no longer have any hopes for it.

You will write me about your impression of Stella won't you dearest? Her letters certainly do not give the impression that *sd* had been ill more than a year. I wish she could gain weight and sttength. Poor fo~~ll~~is child one of the factors of her illness I was told was her ~~v~~astic ~~ap~~ attempt to rwduce. Such madness. I would give much to see my onw Stella again. Her illness ~~was~~ haunted me all year. Perhaps she can come to me in the spring. ~~Give~~ her my love please. Give Pauline my love as well.

I am not yet sure how long I will have to be here. the last meeting is next Sunday but more are planned so you can write me c/o Silverstein until further notice. I have to get out from this Hotel it is too expensive.

With love.

Emma

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Milwaukee Wisc.
December 2 1939

Dear E. G.

Please accept my apologies for the long delay in answering your welcome letter. We have been out of town until recently and have had little opportunity to do anything toward helping the comrades. I am sending what little I have been able to get together in the hope that it will not be too late to be of some use. I have seen nothing about their cases in the press although I have looked in the left wing papers. I sent a letter to some of the people on the Socialist Call with whom I am acquainted, but there has been no response. Most of the people here who can really appreciate the position of the comrades who oppose war actively are without the means of helping much and those who are able seem to find it very easy to submerge their social consciousness in nationalism or to find other excuses for not contributing. Ammon tried to get some help from some of the wealthy comrades who are in a dither about stopping Hitler, but without success. The sum I am sending is small, but I hope to add a little from time to time. Use it in whatever manner you think best as that is the basis on which it was collected.

\$3.00
D.B.

The followers of the Kremlin further here are energetically defending his latest imperialist adventure in Finland, which indicates the slimy mental depths they have reached after twenty years of devious travel on the road of duplicity and brutal suppression of individual rights. Their power to do harm here is about at an end, but they have already delivered staggering blows to the cause of freedom.

My wife and I were summoned to testify before the Dies Committee, and I did manage to tell some of what had happened in Spain, but it was so garbled in the press that it will probably do more harm than good. They publicize only that part of the testimony which suits their own purposes and there is nothing that can be done about it. I tried to tell how Stalin had betrayed the struggle of Spanish people for freedom, the murder and suppression of Anarchists and other left wing groups, etc., and I was permitted to do so, but that part received very little publicity. One does not choose to become a party to a witch hunt, but I had no alternative. I can not find it in my heart to be forgiving to the scoundrels who coldly murdered my comrades in Spain merely to satisfy their lust for power. They are immeasurably greater criminals than the bourgeoisie.

With very best wishes and my wife and Ammon Hennacey,

543 N. 9th St.

Bill Ryan

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Winnipeg Dec. 4th 39

Dear Rose. Thanks for your letter. My dear how am I to know that you do not have your letters forwarded when you go away for weeks at a time? If Arthurs case were not so grave I should not have been surprised at your silence. It is by no means the first time that you are tardy with letters. Yes, I know you are a busy woman. But in view of the fact that you have secretaries and typists one has the right to expect that you are a bit more prompt. But as I said, ordinarily I have learned not to mind. But Arthurs case is very grave and it seemed very strange that you should not answer my urgent letters. Of course, if it was lying around in your office while you were away that is another matter.

My dear you must forgive me when I say that the fact of you having been stung in the Ferrero bail is no excuse what ever in denying Arthur your help. It means his life Rose don't you understand? It is not a question of bail. If only we could get him out on bail we have someone in Toronto who will give it. It is a question of preventing the black crime of delivering A. to Mussolini. There can be no excuse no matter what your experience has been with others that would justify indifference to A. case. And I am really surprised that you should offer such a flimsy excuse. Aside from A being a great worker and valuable as a human being he is also our comrade, yours and mine and I feel that nothing should be spared to rescue him. Surely you will not permit your comforts to stand in the way of approaching Hubinsky. Or tell me how to do it. I have no position to lose and if I had I should not hesitate to help save A's life even if I were jeopardize anything for myself.

Well, I have not heard from Abe Bluestein or his father in reply to my letter. So they probably are not sufficiently interested. Hilda Kovener is a dear I am very fond of her but she is not the person to exert an influence on the Labor men. You know your self how much personality counts with them. Now it is not at all against little Hilada that she lacks the necessary appeal to the male gang in the Labor ranks. Well, though Fitzl refused to take on the job, I suppose because she feels one should not take pay from a precarious fund as the A.B.'s is, she has nevertheless seen some of the Italian outfit. They promised to act. she will keep after them to see that they do. Several of these men suggested Tresca. I have written the L'Adonata people though I knew they would be opposed to T. Well they will have none of him, nor would Arthur. Besides I am not so sure Tresca would do anything. He has certainly not made a move in my case though he had volunteered to get me back to A. Anyhow we must not approach C.T. I only hope the other Italians will act. I dread to think what the outcome will be to A. if there is no moral pressure to back his case and no funds to fight it.

I am not quite clear about Dubinsky in re the Testimonial fund in my name. Do you mean to say that he actually had the cheapness to say he would contribute hundred dollars, or what? And am I to write him an official letter with all sorts of particulars just for the \$100? Really that would be too much. I can only hope I misunderstood your letter, for it would be ridiculous to expect that such an insignificant sum would be of any help to the Spaniards.

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to ship them to Mexico or Chile or to help those who are already there. In point of fact my correspondence with the Spanish comrades in France had to be suspended for the present. But there are two ventures for which I have been asked help. One is a collective on a tract of land given by a French municipality to our comrade Pedro Hererra, one of the finest of our comrades I have met in Spain. And the other are the Spanish comrades who succeeded to reach Mexico and have there started several collectives of small industries as well as the land. I have Pedro Herrera letter with me, but not the French letter I received from the comrade in Mexico who is at the head of the venture. When I will return to Toronto I will translate the letter and send it to Dubinsky together with the French text and the part of the Spanish letter from Hererra where in he begs for financial help for the venture he has created, the organization of 42 militant Spanish peasants in a collective in France.

Until then I wish you would send me a draft of an "official" letter. For as I have never in my life written official letters I really must plead ignorance how to do it. I am sure you have become past master in that as in many other official things. So do send me a draft that would move the heart of your president and make him see that if the International can contribute nearly one quarter of a million for Jewish relief the Spanish workers have certainly deserved a more substantial sum than measly hundred dollars and so ~~the~~ does the cause which is trying to save a human being from sure death in Italy. Please do not again permit three weeks to elapse no matter how busy you are.

I too had a letter from Senia about Mollie. I feel heart broken about it but I can do nothing unfortunately. I am getting nearer the bottom rock stage and I have no idea what I will do then. Meetings in Canada simply do not pay. It will be much if I will get away here free of expenses. I will certainly not have a single penny for two weeks hard preparatory work. It would be the saving of Mollie and Senia if you could get them to Mexico. Of course it will not only mean visas but also money. Will you be able to raise it? It is heart breaking for the two finest and truest comrades we have to starve in France with Mollie so ill. I wish I could help.

We did not raise two hundred at our banquet. We raised only about \$160 and we did not have the support of Labor Unions though we did have two or three of the unions and couple of Arb. Rings who amongst them contributed less than \$20. My hopes that A. would help me to raise money has also gone by the board owing to the war and also to the need of concentrating on the defence of our Italian friends. Later I will take the matter up again. I feel very much discouraged all around in my own precarious position, the tragedy of Mollie and Senia and Arthurs impending danger and over and above the frightful state of our Spanish comrades forgotten by all.

You can write me here until next Monday.

Affectionately

*I have asked if you can send it? 20
why do you not send it?
what he does not want it is known?*

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presumptions for believe me I am looking
forward to the pleasure of your company
knowing full well that I have been closely
associated with people whom you yourself
call friends.

kindest regards

J. C. Macalister

Not known

Suite 6 Marie Apt.

Oliverstone St

Winnipeg

4th Dec. 1939

Dear Miss Goldman

You may remember that
I had a few words with you backstage
at the Starland theatre on Sunday when I
informed you that I was an old member
of the party in Glasgow Scotland. My
wife and myself wish to extend to you
a hearty invitation to dinner at our
place any night that would be
convenient to you this week with the
exception of Thursday I promise you ~~Haag~~
will not be served. If this meets with
your approval please phone 89159 so that
I can have a car at your disposal I do
trust you don't think this a bit

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December 4, 1939

Dear Miss Goldman:

The paper is so crowded now that I'm afraid we can't print your article about the arrests in Toronto—but in order to get the story on record, we'll try to print the essential facts in the correspondence department as a letter to the editor. It's a great shame that you couldn't sign the piece yourself, but I can easily understand the danger that you run.

Eleanor Fitzgerald telephoned me last week about the article, and I told her what I have just told you. Dear Fitz, she's having a hard time of it this year, without a job.

My best regards.

Cordially

Malcolm Cowley

Miss Emma Goldman
295 Vaughan Road
Toronto, Ontario
Canada

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December 5th, 1939.

Dear Comrade,

Just a few lines to inform you that your letters have been received.

I do not think it would serve any purpose to continue argument about Tresca. I have shown your preceding letter and my answer to you to a number of friends who are completely in accord with what I wrote to you. I am sorry to see that you consider as fanatics such comrades as have a different opinion of that man, whom they certainly know better than you do. But there is nothing to be done about it. No amount of abuse can change my opinion, or theirs, on this matter. Of one thing you may be sure, though: If Malatesta thought of T. what we think, he would certainly act the same way.

We are trying to reach our sick friend. Ham was duly informed and the information has now been repeated with more emphasis. It is awful that these things should happen. Money for our persecuted friends is being sent to the same address as before. Is it O.K.?

I am anxious to have this mailed without delay, so I close it.

Despite difference in judgement, let me remain as usual, yours
Fraternally.

Nick Di Domenico

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Dec. 6, 1939

Dear Comrade

We are enclosing
a money order for \$9.50

This amount was
raised at a small party
in Stelton for the defense
of Comrade Bartolotti.

Comrade Lij,
KROPOTKIN GROUP
Stelton, N. J.

G.H. Bannister

Maya
gracefully Stella

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Winnipeg Dec. 7th 39

Dear Comrade. Your letter of the fifth inst reached me last night. I am terribly sorry to have hurt you. That was certainly not my intention. Besides, you should not take offense from your old comrade. What is the use of being a grand mother of the Anarchist movement if she cannot scold her children and grand children for what seems to her "fanaticism"? Really dear comrade you should know that all my comrades are dear to me even if I cannot always agree with them. I believe in the freedom of independent opinion too much to even attempt to force my views on my comrades.

I admit I am terribly concerned in Arthurs fate, and I would go a long way to do for him what I would not do for myself. But if you and the other comrades are adamant in your decision in re T. I certainly will not have him approached. I have already written our comrade Fitzgerald to this effect.

The hearing of M. took place Teusday and the letter of our attounry yesterday is most discouraging. The poor naive creature simply delivered himself to the Imm. authorities. However our lawyer is not giving up. He intends to appeal the case. The trouble is appeals cost money and we have not yet raised even the original fee, about \$1200 have come in which is still three hundred short on the defense cases. You can believe me I have been a regular miser as far as the economy of expences has been. For stationary postage, wires, two trips to Windsor and Detroit and typing we have have spent less than \$100, the rest went for the alwyers fee. And of course more will be needed for Arthurs case after the hearing, a trip to OTTAWA and MONTREAL and ever so many ~~thx~~ other things. I hope the Italein groups will be able to raise the amonnt. I expect the SIA comrades will help. And the Toronto comrades have sent out 700 appeals to the organisation knowns as THE WOMENS CIRCLE, entirely a Jewish body.

I rather think that I will leave here not later then next Tuesday, the meetings while very well attended were not successful financially and the cost of travel is staggering. My own living expences here are fortunately paid by two friends of mine who are not comrades but sympathize with my ideas. I have made two appeals for Arthurs defence the responce was ridiculous only \$26. Yes dear comrade you can send money to me to 295 Vaughan Rod. Toronto. I have left comrade Dorothy R ger a power of attourney so she will be able to diposit whatever comes in in the bank

Please dear comrade do not be angry with my suggestion of reaching T. It is only my intense concern in Arthur. His life is in grave danger and I would do anything to save it.

Give my fraternal greetings to all the comrades.

Fraternally.

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December 7, 1939.

Miss Emma Goldman,
225 Vaughan Road,
Toronto, Canada.

Dear Emma Goldman:

On my return from the Pacific Coast, I have reviewed the correspondence you had with Mrs. Milner in my absence. It is this committee which handles, in America, appeals for political prisoners in other countries because the Civil Liberties Union is confined to the United States. I have, as you see, a joint responsibility - for the universe.

We have had such a discouraging time in getting any effective results for political prisoners in these days of growing reaction on all fronts, that our support and activities are pretty much limited; but you may be sure we will do anything practicable that we can here to arouse American support for a defense which appears to rest substantially on political grounds, not upon the technical charges brought.

Before going ahead, we need to get very precise information from the defense committee in Toronto. We ought to have copies of the substantial official documents, to know something of who is handling the defense, how the contest will be conducted, and particularly at what time we, in the United States, can be of assistance and with what help.

Publicity in the daily press is practically out of the question. There is no more value in anything we could say. Substantial articles in periodicals is the best we can hope for and even so, there would have to be something of considerable new value to justify attention. If you will let us have the kind of information I have indicated, we will use our best efforts.

Yours ever,

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December 7, 1939

E. G. Colton
Royal Alexandria Hotel
Winnipeg, Manitoba

Dear Emma,

Your letter of December 4th reached me today, I was out of town. I do not have secretaries and typists; there is one secretary-typist in the office who is also doing my work, but, unfortunately, when I travel around I can not drag her around with me because there is other work for her to do, hence, my delay in the mail.

Emma, dear, it seems that I did not make myself clear in my letter of November 28th. I wrote that it is impossible for me to get any money from my union because the \$1000 which my union paid to bail out Ferrara was not returned. Although it is a different case, to the officers of the organization I am the same person and they won't give any money to me. I have approached Dubinsky and I think that someone else will have to approach him to get money. I have seen Abe and his father; Emma, they are very much interested in the case, but, unfortunately, all of us have too many cases on our hands now. Many of them as bad as Arthur's because they are in the hands of Hitler, King Carol and others and most of our comrades are occupied with trying to help them; so do not say that we are not interested. I have spoken to everyone about Arthur and the answers I gave you in my last letter: "he is one in Canada and the Canadian people can very well take care of him, while there are hundreds scattered all over and they need our help and support." However, everyone is planning to do something.

You know the rift within the Italian movement but you do not know the difficulties we have to undergo here when we have to spit blood before we get together a few people to help the movement, outside of their L'Adunata. I am still waiting for Felisani to let me know what they are doing; although comrades and Italians to them here in Boston or elsewhere the name Arthur means just one more name. I want you to understand, Emma, that this is not told in hatred, but simply a fact that you ought to know. Felisani is publishing a paper and they are dumping all the money to have this anti-fascist paper published monthly. They are sending money to Italy and other parts of the world where comrades are living in exile; they told me they will do what they can for Arthur. Besides, they, too, are emphatic about Carlo Tresca.

In my previous letter I wrote that I mentioned to Dubinsky the fact that we have established a fund in your name to help Spanish refugees. Permit me to tell you at the out-set that 1/8 million dollar donation you read about in the papers was decided upon some time ago by the entire membership of the union as a protest against Hitler. Every member of the union contrib-

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luted a days work (Toronto members did not contribute anything) and when \$255,000 was collected, the allocations were made which you read in the press after every local union sent in its recommendation. Dubinsky has \$35,000 as a Spanish fund which was collected some time ago, so when I saw him I told him that you organized a Spanish Refugee Fund and it would be no more than right for him to make a contribution. He wanted to give me 100 dollars but I suggested instead, that he write you and you will, in a letter to him, explain in detail what your plans are and give him a list of names and addresses of the refugees, the places where they could be sent, asking how much money he could contribute towards this expense. By an official letter I meant a letter from you, on your stationery and, dear Emma, you have been writing books and articles long enough to know how an official communication ought to be written. I told him that at your banquet we raised about \$200.00 (anything between \$150 up means about \$200.) and that some labor unions and Workmen Circle Branches were present. It is too bad that these are too poor to donate more, but their moral support was worth the trouble of arranging the banquet.

We have been receiving letters daily from comrades in various parts of Europe; S.O.S. calls and everyone is busy sending money and affidavits and what not. I have made some contacts with people who know how to get visas to Mexico. If Molly and Senia are to be admitted to Mexico, here again we need funds and you know more than anyone else how badly in need of change in atmosphere our two friends are. I sent Molly money via Yankee Clipper and American Bank and I am sending her another check this week.

Feliciana's address is: The Excelsior Press, Inc. - 49 Portland Street, Boston.

I would like to know the status of Arthur's case and how much money you expect to raise for the defense and approximately how much money Feliciana, comrades and myself here should try to raise. Then we will have something concrete to propose.

Dubinsky had made arrangements with Los Angeles for me to go there sometime in January. We are starting a campaign among the dressmakers. I do not know how long the campaign will last; it might take six months or more before I come back East.

I shall try to see you before I go, if it will be possible.

My love to you,

Rose

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Darling Jeanne.

I have been so rushed here, preparing and delivering lectures I have not had a moment. I had hoped you would drop me a line to tell me of your departure to Calif and to give me your address there. This afternoon I have a moment after an afternoon lecture I delivered before a Jewish Woman's Cultural Club. I spoke in the Jew in the Literature in England until the end of the 19th Century. I worked like a dog over it but it was far above the heads of my audience. So I came back feeling rotten.

Well, I could have spared myself the trip here. Not there is no field. There is but ~~now~~ no one to organize meeting. To give you an example, last Sunday I had an audience of eight hundred people. No tickets were sold in advance or could be sold at the doors it being Sunday. The silver collection gave just 54 dollars. It will cover the expense of the meeting. Not a cent more. I gave the I. W. W. boys a date for themselves, they made a botch out of it. They had hundred people. Now unless my last Jewish meetings, the one this afternoon and the one tomorrow will bring results the two or three comrades in Winnipeg will have to pay the expenses out of their own pockets. And so it goes. There is field in Toronto and here and everywhere but unless people know where to go to lectures or tickets can be sold in advance they cannot be expected to attend. That's that.

Yesterday I had a telegram from Ben ~~Witt~~ Reitman which read ~~Chicago~~ Chicago Times wishes to interview you sympathetically they are my friends wire me collect c/o Mr Grant City editor Chicago Times when you will return to Toronto and if you will receive them soonest possible.

In as much as you once wrote me you would approach the Times I wondered how Ben got a hold of it. Well, I wired back as follows; Not interested in Interview Stop. Willing to do a paid article Stop. Wire me Royal Alexandra Hotel until Monday Stop. Will be back in Toronto end of next week. I also wrote Ben I do not want to be interviewed. I had all the ~~much~~ publicity I want. But that I would do a paid article.

Now what I would like to know is whether you have

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Grant of the Times and what he had to say. Frankly I do not
cherish for Ben to handle my affairs again, especitally as you
offered to see some publications. Let me know if you have.

I am leaving here Tuesday the 12th back for
Toronto. I am terribly worried about Arthurs fate. Write me there
dearest. I suppose this will be forwarded to you wherever you are.

With love to Jay, Milly, Rudolph and yourself.

Tell Milly I received her last letter and that I would write her
before I leave here. My spacer is broken hence the irregulaarity
of the spacing.

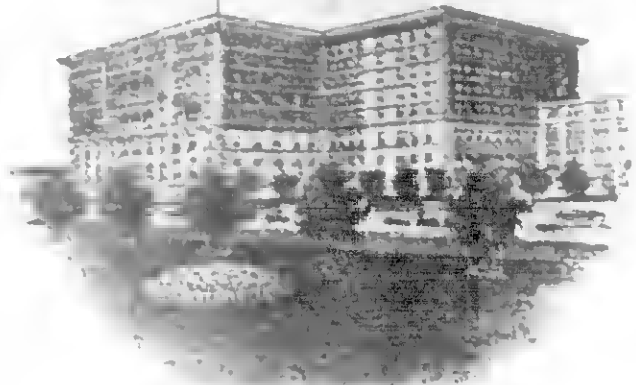
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ROYAL ALEXANDRA HOTEL
WINNIPEG, MAN.

Dear Ben. Your wife was read to me over the phone which I could not half make out. All I understood was that I am to wire Mr Grant about the proposed interview. I was somewhat confused because Jeanne Levey had written me that she would see the ~~the~~ TIMES people in re an article. I wondered therefore how you came to have anything to do with the matter. Well, I wired Mr Grant because I did not know you wanted me to wire you c/o him. And here is what I wrote in the night letter last night; ~~Editor~~ Mr Grant Editor Chicago Times Chicago Ill. Do not care for interview Stop. Willing to do a paid article Stop Wire Royal Alexandra Hotel Monday Stop Will be back in Toronto end of next week.

You see dear Ben I have had all the publicity I want except when it is a question of a meeting. For the rest, I prefer to write my stories provided I can earn some money by it. You probably do not know that I have not earned a penny since I was sent out from America, and the few months I was there in 34. True I had Bon Esprit which I sold for a song after Sashas death, and the comrades in New York and Los Angeles raised some money for my seventieth birthday. But one cannot live for ever on that. Therefore I must try to earn something. I see no reason why the Chicago Times or any other daily or weekly or monthly should get what I have to say for nothing. Besides there is no such thing as a "sympathetic interview". True some papers lie less than the other, but inevitably what one tells in an interview is distorted. So unless the Times is ready to pay for an article, or the interview and consents to let me see proofs I will use my time for a rest which I need very badly. In any event it would be useless for your friends to come to Toronto because I am quite determined not to be interviewed without some remuneration. Have I grown meek? No my dear I am only tired to be everlasting copy for others to benefit by it.

Your letter was forwarded to me. I am very glad you feel well enough to reopen your office. I wish you health strength and success. I see your last letter contains quite a different mood than the one before. According to it it appears that not all

your friends

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and admirers have failed you. Thats fine.

Winnipeg is still a good field but less people to help to organize meetings then in the past. Eight hundred people crowded my English meeting last Sunday. The collection at the door was just \$54. That just about paid for the meeting. I gave the I.W.W. a date for themselves, they made a botch of the meeting. About hundred people attended in a dismal and depressing Hall. Unless the Jewish meetings will pay for the costly pleasure of coming here the few comrades left will have to cover whatever the deficit will be. For I cannot do it out of my depleted pockets.

I am returning to Toronto Tuesday, rather I leave here then and will be in Toronto Thursday. You can write me there. Please Ben do not promise your friends of the TIMES that they will see me in Toronto. I am quite determined not to have an interview.

No I have not read Hutchins Biography. I simply can not afford to buy books. And unless publishers send me some, or some friends in New York I either get them from the Library or I do not read them at all. Though I have not lectured much I am kept busy with other things. Recently with the arrest of four Italian comrades whom we saved from the clutches of the new war decree. One is now in the hands of the immigration authorities and maybe shipped to ~~Mexico~~ Italy which would mean sure death. I have been hard at work to prevent that. So I must get back to Toronto as I am in charge of the defense.

I am afraid you are wrong about Winnipeg. There was nothing pleasant or cheerful here for either one of us. The

But that is shoved behind me.

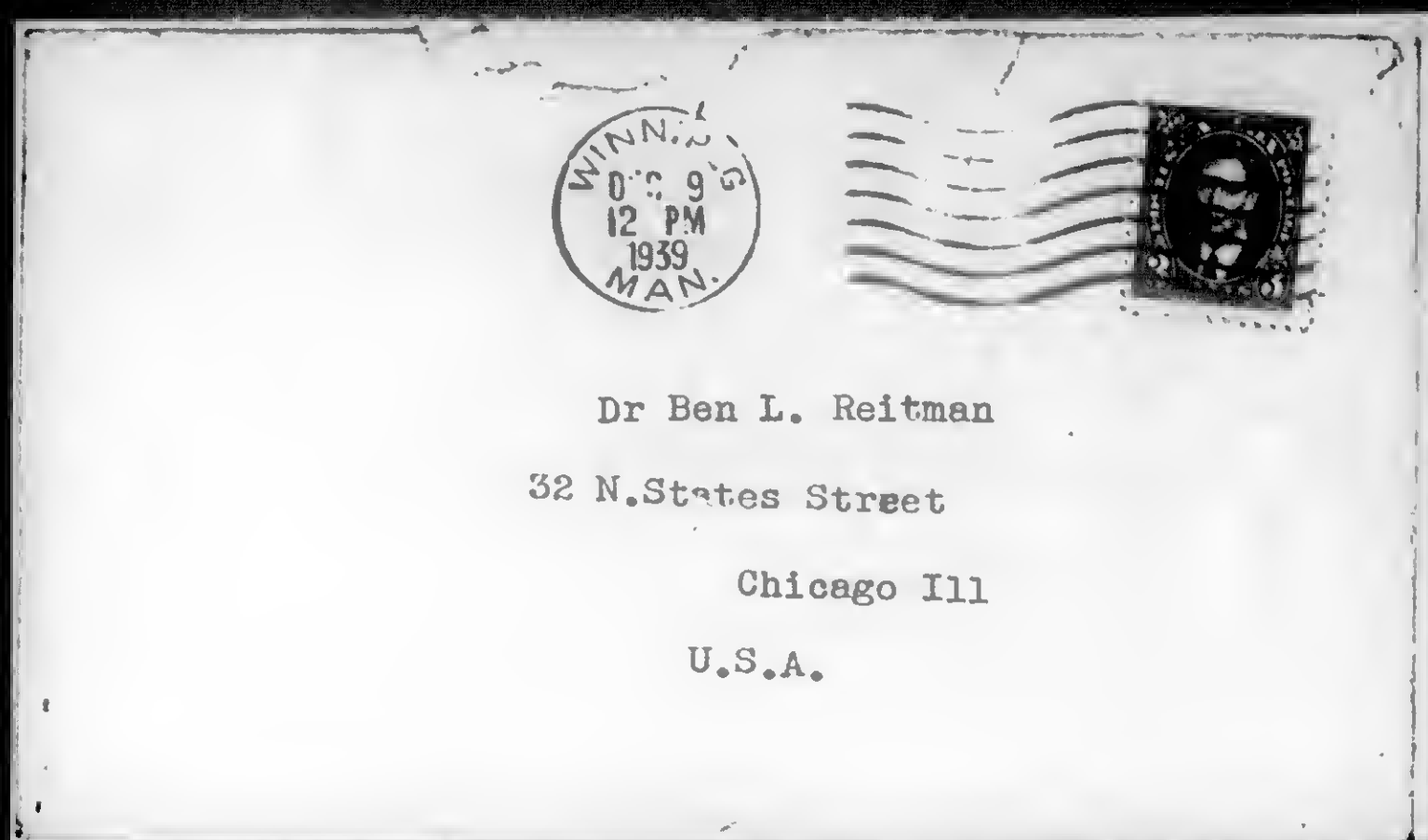
With my old friendship

Emma

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 My dear friend Emma
 yes. I had the pleasure
 of meeting you once
 around 1909 or 1910. in
 Winnipeg since then
 I'm living in
 Medicine Hat. About 700 miles
 from Winnipeg. here
 in a small "conservative"
 little town. No radicals
 except some "Communists"
 sheep. As Catholics they
 receive in one man
 Stalin like a "pope"
 there is no use to come
 together with them.
 And I don't have to tell
 you more about them

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My only Connection is with
the "Freie Arbeiter-Stimme".

from which I learn
everything what is going
on in our spheres.

Now to the point
There is nobody to collect
from - for anything
of our funds. so

I'll just send my
Contribution \$10-

regards to our comrades
here in Toronto. and
to the Prasows here
in Toronto.

Yours truly,

James Prasow
Med Hat
alto

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Dec. 12, 1939.

Dear E.G.

Please do not think I am hurt about the T. affair. Probably it was my effort to make evident how firm I am about that affair, that gave you such an impression. I also think that every one should be free to use his or her own judgement.

It's too bad that Marco's situation was not cleared and he left free to go his way. And what about Arturo? Do you suppose that Mussolini would be willing to take him in exchange for his relinquishing any and all aspirations on Gibraltar, Suez and the Bosphorus?

Seriously, now, I have some more trouble to give you. Last Friday in the office of an Italian banker down town, appeared a Canadian Inspector of Immigration accompanying an individual named Pedro Mateo y Hernandez of Cuban nationality. He said he had been arrested in Canada on his way to Cuba from Europe, and that he was about to be embarked within a few days in New York Harbor.

Instead, on Saturday - having spent the night in Ellis Island - he was taken back to Canada. To-day a friend went to try to see him in Ellis Island where he was told that Hernandez had been taken back to Canada because "his Cuban Passport was no good".

Now, could you find a lawyer able to ascertain what this thing is all about. This Hernandez was first stopped at Montreal. Probably he has been taken back there. I should appreciate it if you were able to interest a lawyer on his case, at least to find out why he is arrested and what is to be done with him. Fraternally Yours.

N. Di Domenico

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ROYAL ALEXANDRA HOTEL
WINNIPEG, MAN.

Dearest Rose. I am leaving for Toronto in about two hours so I cannot write at length in answer to yours of Dec. 7th. But also I do not want to delay because ~~ix~~ an awful lot of work is awaiting me in T. and will prevent my writing you.

My dear, you ask about the amount of money still needed for Arthurs case. Incidentally we have two cases. The other we have not mentioned all this time because of the circumstances connected with the boy who came on a Cuban passport. In addition he ~~was~~ cooked his goose by writing letters to a number of countries which fell into the hands of the immg. authorities. Enuf said. But at the same time we could not just deny him. His hearing was last Monday and he is held for deportation. Cohen is working hard on this case as well. Arthurs hearing has not yet taken place.

Now listen, Cohens orriginal fee is \$1500 ~~what~~ for the defense of three people. I have not yet raised that amount. And of course Cohen wants another fee for the immg cases. In addition there is a lot of expences involved in going to OTTAWA and MONTREAL. As to other expences I have tried to keep it to a minimum. When I will tell you that for typing, postage, wires, two trips to Windsor and Detroit and some other small item we spent in the ~~last~~ 9 weeks something like \$85 you will appreciate that our main expence is the lawyer. True he is after money, but what lawyer is not? On the other hand, it is certain that we could get no one else in T. of Cohens stature, his social awariness and his ~~brilliance~~ for less. The Jewish comrades with the exception of Maurice Langbord were opposed to Cohen because he is born and raised there and they know him since he was in short pants. As you know the prophet counts for naught in his own home. The fact that J.L. Cohen is the attorney for Labor in T. proves that he must be worth while or they would not have him. Besides, all the Jewish comrades have contributed exactly \$50. So they really have no right to criticise.

However, this is neith here or there. What is important is that we still need about \$1500 more, some of it to make up the orriginal fee and the rest for what we will have to pay. I have no idea where this is to come from. In fact I am beside myself with worry and anxiety. If only the Italian unions in New York

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would do something. Fitz caught them all at a meeting in the buldg where Alex Cohen has his office. A fellow by the name of Bianco or Bianco I don't remember which. Also Giovannetti, and they promised to help, especially to get Antonini interested. Fitz is keeping after them but so far nothing has come from the Italian unions. I am afraid unless they and the International will contribute a lump sum we will not be able to carry Arthurs case to the highest authorities. You know how much appeals cost. And all that. Rose my dearest you simply must do something in the matter before you leave Boston and when you will get to the cost. We cannot permit Arthur to pay the price for something F. has done. We cannot just condemn him to death by being sent to Italy. Oh, I wish I knew what to do to move men like Dubinsky or Hillman. My god these men rose from the lowest ranks and have reached the top. Have they completely forgotten the unfortunates they have left behind. It is scandalous.

I will write Feliciani when I get back to T. because I want to send him the material on A's case. In rereading your letter I see that you want me to tell you how much you and Feliciani should raise in B. Darling how do I know what you two are capable of achieving. Could you raise \$250, or more, or less? Whatever you will raise will be a god sent. I have told you at least another \$1500, or possibly even two thousand dollars are needed to fight the case. And fight we must. Please, please Rose my dear get busy. Do whatever you can and get Feliciani to try his utmost. I am pleading for Arthurs life and for the other chap though his case does not mean Italy. That is a comfort.

Let me hear from you soon, please my dear.

With loads of love

Emma

I do not think you ought to regret being sent to Calif. After all there is a field there for our ideas as well as for your union activities. Then Rudolf and Milly will still be there when you come. Milly wrote me everybody is expecting you. Good luck to you when you go. But write me first to T.

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Darling Milly.

Your letter of the 4th inst reached me safely. But you know what it is to see people and lecture. There is no time for letters. And yet I had to keep

ROYAL ALEXANDRA HOTEL
WINNIPEG, MAN

at the machine every free moment to keep the machinery of Arthurs defense going. I don't know what possessed me to take the whole brunt on my old shoulders. I am nearly mad with worry about the expences. I have not yet raised the original fee of Cohen, the attorney. The Jewish comrades in Toronto outside of Maurice Langbord would quater me if they knew that Cohens fee is \$1500. It is high I will admit. But we could not have gotten anyone else of his ability and his social awareness of Arthurs case for less. But you know how our Jews are. Because Cohen was born and raised in Toronto they charge him with being a grafter and all sorts of fancy names. It is true the man is after money. But so are all of our comrades, specially people like Steinberg, Seltzer and the rest. Besides, they have contributed so little, all Jewish comrades put together have contributed about fifty dollars, it seems an outrage for them to criticise. Anyhow, that is not what has robbed me of my sleep and piece of mind. It is my concern in Arthurs fate and the fact that not enough has come in even for the original fee. Now, it is certain that Cohen will want more for the immigrat ion cases. Incidentally, we have two. We have not mentioned the other ~~xxxxxx~~ for very important reason. He is very young and very in experienced. He wrote out a lot of letters and spilled the beans. . . . Still his case is not so dangerous as Arthurs. There is an awful lot of work connected with it and Cohen will want at least another 1000. Where to get it is the qu3wtion.

I am astonished about the Italiens and Spanish comrades in California. Now I know the reason for the indifference of the Italiens. It is their evil spirit that awful Graham. When one considers the amount of money the Italiens have raised for him during the last 20 years, it is not short of a crime that he holds the Italiens in his grip to the extent of denying Arthur. I confess I am disgusted especially because Graham cannot lace the shoes of Arthur, as a human being, as a comrade and as a force in our movement. I am thoroughly disgusted with the Italiens in Los Angeles. As to the Spaniards, it is true that they have a terrible cross to carry. But so do the Spaniards in Chicago ~~xxxx~~ Detroit and New York, still they responded beautifully. It is therefore

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very narrow indeed for the Los Angeles bunch to do nothing at all.
As I said I am worried sick with the situation.

No Herman wrote me nothing about your attempt to make a collection at the affair in your Hotel. He sent me 431 68 which he wrote was contributed at a reception for you and Rudolf. Whether this is the affair you have in mind I do not know.

About Fitzi, I know that she is having a fright full struggle to exist and that she could not afford any expence that would not be reimbursed. I also know that Fitiz drinks. And yet she is the only person on New York who could do much for Arthurs case. As it is she has interested some of the Italian leaders in Labor ranks and they have promised to help. I know she will keep after them. I offered her the job for a month or six weeks on asal ary of \$25 a week and expences. I did so because I was convinced that she could raise couple of thousand dollars if she would concentrate on the case. But she refused on the supposed grounds that she is expecting a job. But in reality because she felt she could not take money from Arthurs defense fund. Well, I don't know what to do. I can only hope that everyone who has helped will continue to do so even, if it will be on a small scale.

About Molly, no dearest I have heard nothing further except what Rose ~~Russell~~ P. has written that she is busy on Molly and Senias transfer to Mexico. I hope she succeeds. Rose is a darling and most charming, but she sometimes promises what she cannot carry out and then passes up the Buck. She has done that in the case of our Italiens. She would not approach Dubinsky she wrote me because Bail given for Ferrero has not been returned. So poor Arthur has to suffer for the sins of others. Perhaps she will do something when she gets to L.A. MY gawd, with her, Jeanne Levey, and you there something ought to be accomplished for Arthur to save him from sure death.

About my visit here, from a moral standpoint it was successful. I lectured before 1400. Not enough English to satisfy me although there is a field here now. Besides, railroads and living have unfortunately to be covered which the comrades, ~~for~~, actually it was Simkin, who paid heavily. But there was no surplus for the two weeks labor. I could not insist upon it seeing tha the meetings did not pay for themselves. The English meeting a week ago Sunday was free admission and the collection was exactly \$54 just about to pay for itaelf. And the Jewish meetings were not attended by large crowds. It seems only Rudolf can get out the Jews here. Too bad he cannot come.

Dearest I am leaving for Toronto to day rather this evening, and it is four o/c so I must close. Love to Rudolf, to Jeanne and Jay if they are already in L.A. Fraternal greetins to all the comrades. Write me to Toronto. You will be happy to read the inclosed copies of Stellas letters. ~~These are the not~~ *Rudolf read them. But not the others.*

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Dear Comrade.

I came back early this morning and found your special delivery letter. I was surprised because before I left for Winnipeg two weeks ago I wrote you about the man and told you that we here were suspicious because the party wrote a letter in perfect French from the Immigration Dept. I sent the letter via W. to D. and gave you all particulars about the case. Also I knew that the letter was sent to you. Our special does not clear the mystery. In any event it is most unfortunate that the party arrived now and that his letters are being addressed to A.B. As if the difficulties in the latter's case are not enough to carry. However, I will see Mr Cohan tomorrow morning and find out if he could recommend some attorney of less important position than his who would go and see the man in the Immig Dept. And report to us here what it is all about it. I will then write you again.

It is not the trouble I mind. It is that at this stage of A's case and that of M.J., it is impossible to do anything for the new comer. It is very plain indeed that an attempt is being made to connect the latter with the former as something organized on the other side, whereas his arrival is merely coincidental and not of A's participation. All I can say is that it is most unfortunate for the Montreal Party having reached C. while our other friends are in such trouble.

As regards to what you say in re Mussolini being willing to exchange for A. I wish I knew what you mean. Of course I am sure you are joking. In any event we feel one thing certain that A is wanted by the Italian gangsters. And that is enough for me to make every effort to prevent such a heinous crime.

At this writing I cannot tell you anything new in A's case. I had hoped to see our attorney this evening, but his secretary called up to say that C. is engaged this evening but that he would see me in the morning and perhaps have news for me. In any event I have written Mr C. from Winnipeg that he must concentrate on getting A. out on bail. There is no hope for Marco and very meager hope for bail for A. because deportable cases in this country do not seem bailable. But A. is not at all well, in fact he was feeling so rotten that the Jail authorities after A's assistance in seeing a doctor was transferred to the Jail hospital, not much better than the cell. A's condition may help to force the Dept to let him out. In his case there is no difficulty in getting someone to go bail for him as it was in the other cases. If only A. would be admitted to bail.

Dear comrade has no more come in for A's fight here? I ask because we have not yet raised the original fee of C. which was agreed upon when the cases had to be fought in court. He will most assuredly want more money for the deportation cases. I must therefore ask you to send whatever has been received by LA for the struggle here. I heard from Chicago that

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~~xthxx~~heri

he Liberi group has sent he proceeds from an undertaking to LA for the fight for Arthur and Marco. And have any other groups responded? please let me know.

I am sorry to say that my visit to Winnipeg was hardly ~~xmawt~~eworth while. It costs such a lot to get to any sizable town in Canada from here. We have only very few comrades in W. except some very nice and helpful boys of the I.W.W. Our Jewish comrades have no experience in organizing English meetings and the I.W.W. boys do not know how to reach the public at large. Lastly is the drawback that Halls in week nights are few and far between and very expensive and on Sunday no admissions can be charged. We had eight hundred people at my only Sunday meeting but the collection at the door was exactly \$54 just about enough to cover expenses for itself. However, I did reach 1400 people, so even if one must continue to live from air and expectation as we of the active comrades have to do it is still some satisfaction to have broken ice.

I will write you again after I have contacted some one in Montreal.

Meanwhile please let me hear from you in re the funds for

A. and M.

Fraternally

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TORONTO

December
14th 1939.

Mrs E. G. Colton,
c/o 295 Vaughan Road,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Miss G:

I have your letter of the 11th instant, written from Winnipeg. I understand that you will be in town today and since it may be quite possible, as I have a considerable number of appointments and engagements for the day, that I shall not be able to see you until Friday, I should like to make some reply to your letter.

I am sorry that you feel it necessary to state that you are "between two fires, your comrades who ask for news about Arthur and I who constantly remind you about the money end". I would really suggest that the state of affairs be reversed, that it be left to me to supply the best possible news about Arthur and that your comrades remind you about the money end. I notice that you state that you expect to clean up the balance of the original fee by the 25th, which suits me.

With regard to the matter of bail for Arthur, I am somewhat surprised that you feel that you should have to stress such a matter with me or particularly that you should seem to add as an inducement for my efforts in that regard the suggestion that his release would

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Mrs E. G. Colton,
Toronto.

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facilitate money raising. The fact that you were able to obtain bail on your own deportation matter in the United States is due to the difference in the state of law. In the United States the due process provisions of the Constitution make it possible to apply to the courts for bail for immigration matters. In the case of immigration matters here, the question of bail is entirely a discretionary act within the administrative department, and bail can only be obtained if the Department is so disposed. I have governed myself by that situation, and have deemed it necessary to wait until the Joachim enquiry was out of the way before again pressing the question of bail for Bortolletti. I am now in negotiation with the Department on that subject, as well as upon the whole situation, and if I cannot prevail upon them to arrange bail, it is idle for there in correspondence with you to ask why "something concrete has not been done".

So soon as we are together I will discuss the whole situation with you fully. In the meantime I will continue to do whatever I can in the matter, and to keep you advised.

Yours very truly,

JLC/MP.

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Cultura Proletaria

P. O. Box 1, Sta. D.
NEW YORK, N. Y.

Emma Goldman
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Dear Comrade Emma: Again and again I beg you to excuse me for not answering your mail. As much as I always wanted to, I been unable to do so. I am the only one in charge of Cultura Proletaria and by your own experiences you well know that there is little time left for other things to do.

Nevertheless, the main reason was that comrade Gonzalez, the secretary of S.I.A., has been in charge to attend your appeal in behalf of Comrade Bartolotti and the others. You must understand, Emma, that the S.I.A. and Cultura Proletaria are the same thing. S.I.A. took the solidary part and our Spanish groups all over the country are sending their contributions to S.I.A. For that reason, S.I.A. is the one to attend such appeals.

I very well know that I should have answered your letters so you could be sure that the mail, ~~sent~~ or the appeal in behalf of our comrades was received. For this failure I will never forget myself. After all, written a few lines does not take so much time.

But although I did not answer, all your appeals went, in one form or other, ~~through~~ through Cultura Proletaria. The first one received it went through my editorial comment together with other French comrades arrested in France; the following week we ~~printed~~ printed a small appeal below the editorial, and this week, we print the clip you send of the Toronto Daily Star. I would very much wanted to translate the ~~copy~~ copy of the court record, but I have to do that myself, and as I told you before I am not able to do so at the moment.

I beg you to forgive me again in such matter.

If you want the clippings or the three issues where the appeals were printed just let me know which you wish best, the clippings or the three numbers of Cultura and I very glad will send them to you. If you wish to receive Cultura every week we will put you in the mail list. We do not know whether you are planning to stay there, and for that reason we did not until now send you the weekly.

Please, advise me in all this and I will take good notice and that way I will not fail you again.

I will like to talk about your first letter, or more clearly ~~said~~ said about Santillan and our movement in Spain, but a guess I leave it for some other time.

Without more to say for the moment, I will close this ~~with~~ with best wishes for our Italian comrades and a comradely and fraternal kiss for you. I sincerely think that in spite of your age you still the same energetic Emma of forty years ago. Your agitation in behalf of Bartolotti and the others proves my point and for that reason I want to say that you are wonderful and I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Sincerely yours

marcelino Garcia

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Dec. 16, 1939.

Mr. M. Cowley, Editor,
New Republic,
40 East 49th St.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Cowley:

Your letter of December 4th was forwarded to me in Winnipeg. I was there for a series of lectures between the 30th of November and the 11th of this month.

I am somewhat puzzled by the contents of your letter. In the beginning you say that you will not be able to print my article about the arrests in Toronto because you are crowded with material. Next you say, "It is a great shame that you could not sign the piece yourself." Does that mean that if I had signed the article you would have printed it? I am asking because I am so keen on saving Arthur Bortolotti from the danger threatening him. I would be willing to write another article dealing entirely with his case and put my name to it no matter what consequences would result for me. You probably know that I have never counted results for myself through the many years of my activities and feeling as deeply as I do about Arthur Bortolotti I have decided to drop all kinds of other considerations.

Yes, poor Fitzi is having a terrible time finding a job. I think it speaks for the many people whom my friend, Eleanor Fitzgerald has helped when she managed the Provincetown Theatre. Some of them have been made there; but human memory is short-lived.

Please let me hear from you again as soon as you can.

Cordially,

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My dear good Comrade.

Your letter of Nov 23 took a long time to reach this city. And a few days longer to reach me as I was in Winnipeg about 36 hours by train from Toronto. It is in the West of Canada. I was therefore 2 weeks lecturing on the new saviors of humanity, Joseph Stalin and Hitler. Also to raise money for the ~~axis~~ fight to rescue our good and faithful comrade Arthur Bortolotti from the "comradely" reception of Mussolini. Your letter together with letters from my dear friend Ethel Mannin and other mail reached me in Winnipeg about a week ago. But while there I had every moment taken up and could not answer you. I came back very tired much more so than I used to come back from Spain. Ah, my visits to your wonderful country, the spirit that prevailed there, the hopes the heroic struggle of the Spanish people and our own comrades used to inspire. These impressions will remain with me to the end of my life.

What a strange magical country Spain is. It was no mere imagination which made me feel years younger the moment I would touch Spanish soil.

It is so different here. There is no inspiration. One must draw courage and hope from within oneself. And that is so difficult. Yet with the madness in Europe, and our beloved Spain bleeding from a hundred wounds there is no place to go to where I can do the work I love most. Not that I achieve much by what I am doing, but it is ~~much more~~ a little more than I could do in Europe. So though my life is not very satisfactory, I should prefer to be near you and other Spanish comrades whose deep faith in our ideas would inspire and strengthen mine. But there is no choice in our world.

Dear comrade, there is a saying in England that "when one lives in a glasshouse he must not throw stones about him". My French is so poor I dare not find fault with yours. Besides I seriously think you are making great progress. Keep it up, but at the same time I think you

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Keep it up my dear. At the same time I strongly advise that you should take up English. After all you are now in an English country and city. It is important therefore you should acquire the language. Can't you find a nice English girl who would teach you the language? We have two comrades who might and whom you ought to meet in any event. One is Dr Ruth Prothero whose address is 509 Lordship Lane London S.E.22. She was in Spain, at the Aragon Front and knows Spanish and of course she also knows English. The other is Ilse Haigh, Grove Garden Apt 38 Park Rd London N.W.8th. You should get in touch with them. If you do give them my love even if they have forgotten me and never write.

Thomas is also not faithful. He has not written. What I would like you to do is to ask him to make me a list of the Spanish material he has received from comrade Pedro Herrera. I had another letter from him asking me what has become of the material. It seems to have been quite a lot. If T. would at least make me a list I would know what there. And I could write P.H. He is very anxious about the stuff he sent as it seems to be most valuable. Do that for me please.

I am inclosing check on the Barclay Bank for £1 as a small token of my affection for you and my admiration for the venture even if it has not succeeded you had undertaken. I wish I could send more.

I was shocked to learn that 10,000 refugees are in Morocco. What a dreadful situation must be there. For the present there is absolutely nothing I could do. Nevertheless I would like to give me some particulars of their condition, how do they live, what are they doing, do they consist of Spanish workers and peasant, are they members of the CNT-FAL. I need all these particulars.

I am well and working hard to save two comrades from deportation, a young Cuban, and our Italian comrade Arthur Bortolotti, a great worker for our ideas and against Fascism.

Let me hear from you again

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Dec. 16, 1939.

Dear Comrade Felicani:

Sometime ago I wrote Rose Pesotta and told her about the arrest of four Italian comrades in this city. I asked her then to see you and tell you about the cases. She was away from Boston for some weeks and, therefore, neglected to answer my letters. She finally did and in reply I again asked her to get in contact with you, or at least send me your address. Well, she finally did after a long correspondence of two months.

Of course, I know that you are already acquainted with the cases through Rose and through L'Adonata. I do not know whether you have done anything. If you have, I haven't heard about it. I am, therefore, writing you myself. I shall not go into a long description of the frame-up on our four people who were raided at six in the morning, dragged out of bed, rushed to jail and charged with all kinds of "heinous" offences. Fortunately, we succeeded in getting a very able man as their attorney - one who also realized the implications the arrests represented. He succeeded in two trials to make the authorities look ridiculous and to have indictments against them dismissed.

Not so Arthur Bortolotti. By the way one of the arrested men was dismissed the evening of the day of the arrest. But A.B. remained. In addition we have the immigration case of a comrade who came here on a Cuban passport. It is very obvious that the immigration authorities are definitely set on getting rid of both of our comrades. However, I cannot emphasize enough, as I have already done, that the one the authorities want to dispose of mostly is Arthur Bortolotti. You see, he was years an active anti-fascist. Thereby he incurred the implacable hatred of the fascists. We know that the latter were at the back of the frame-up and that now too they are back of the attempt to deport Arthur. I need not tell you what the fate of our comrade would be should the immigration authorities succeed in handing him over to Mussolini.

Well, we have done our utmost to prevent such a crime. We are hopeful of success provided we can have a fund large enough to push Arthur's defence. The original fee of the attorney in the defence of the court cases was \$1500.00. It looks formidable I admit, but considering the tremendous work involved and the splendid fight made I do not feel that the fee is too exorbitant. At the same time I know that an additional fee is expected in the fight of the deportation cases. Well, so far my appeals have brought only \$1300.00. As you see, still short \$200.00 of the original fee.

Dear Comrade, I happen to know the tremendous work you

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have put in the Sacco-Vanzetti cases.— Your great devotion and consecration to save our great martyrs. I realize that there is no comparison between the fight for life of our martyred comrades and the fight for life we are making for A.B. Nevertheless, I take the liberty to appeal to you very strenuously to do something to rouse the Italians of Boston to come to the rescue of their Italian comrade. Surely, it should be possible to raise a substantial sum among the Italians in Boston and in the adjoining cities like Lynn and all the others that have quite a number of Italian workers. If not anarchists, there must be anti-Fascists. If ever a man deserves solidaric help for anti-Fascist activities, it is Arthur Bortolotti. I am enclosing a subscription list. I hope you can get it covered with worthwhile contributions, or that you can arrange an affair, or that you have other ways in raising money for our fight. Are there any Italian unions in Boston of the International, or any other? And would you not go before them to appeal for help? Please, dear comrade, whatever you do, do not delay and let me hear from you as soon as possible.

Fraternally,

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Dec. 16, 1939.

Dear Friend James Prassow:

On my arrival here on the 13th I found your letter with cheque for \$10.00 enclosed. Thank you very much for your kind contribution. You see when I wrote you and sent the list I did not know the situation in Medicine Hat. I knew it was not a very big town, but I was under the impression that the Jewish population consisted of some sympathisers with radical ideas. It is for this reason that I sent the list hoping that you might be able to collect some money for the fight we are making to save Arthur Bortolotti from the terrible doom of being sent back to Mussolini. Naturally, if there is no such element you could not do anything with the list. Well, your contribution will certainly help in raising the fee for our attorney which is \$1500.00. You will be glad to know that I succeeded in raising the largest part of it already, mainly from Italian and Spanish comrades. Unfortunately, the fee of \$1500.00 is intended for the fight in court to defend three of the Italians whom the lawyer succeeded in getting free. An additional fee will have to be raised to fight the immigration cases of which we have two. So you can imagine I have my hands full and I am kept very busy.

While my meetings in Winnipeg sent me back not much richer than I came, I am not sorry that I made the trip. I think Winnipeg offers a fertile field for our ideas, especially now when the fake of communism and Soviet Russia stand exposed in all their hideous nakedness. I, therefore, mean to go back for some months, make Winnipeg my headquarters and try to contact other Western cities. However, I shall have to wait until the Bortolotti cases have been cleared. If I can carry through my plan, I hope to run into you somewhere. I should like renew the friendship formed in your brother's house while he was yet alive. Again thanking you for your kind contribution,

Fraternally yours,

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Emma Goldman

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Dec. 16, 1939.

Dear Jasha, Dearest Bunya:

I arrived here terribly tired and aching in every bone. The return trip was worse than my going to Winnipeg. The train shook more than a ship in the highest storm and the bed was harder than ever. I suppose my old bones can't stand such torture as easily as they could thirteen years ago. Well, after being in bed all afternoon Thursday and having some sleep last ~~sleep~~ last night I am again fit.

My dear friends, while frankness demands that I should tell you that I was disappointed that we did not have more English meetings and even more so in the response to my appeals for Arthur Bortolotti and our martyred Spanish comrades, I nevertheless, enjoyed being with you, and to come closer to you, dear Jasha, as to you, my dearest Bunya, I wouldn't have missed knowing you if I had to make several trips to Winnipeg. You both entered my heart and made me feel that I am among dear friends. I thank you for it.

More than ever I am set on returning to Winnipeg for a few months, rather to make your city my headquarters for a while and to try to contact a number of cities farther west. If I do that, I will ask you to get me a few rooms, not too expensive and centrally located. You see, I have to have a lot of quiet and privacy to do my work and a hotel would be out of the question for any length of time. He will correspond about it after the New Year. I mean after the Bortolotti case is settled, whatever that will be, I couldn't leave here at all. Meanwhile let us keep in touch.

Dearest Bunya, I have a request of you. Among the people I met at the Woodsworth's was a woman who was very eager to get a copy of "Living My Life". I wonder whether you could call up the Woodsworth's and ask them about the name of this woman, which I have forgotten. She was one of the guests. Tell Mrs. W. why you want to contact her and she may be able to tell you how to reach her. Then if you find out that she still wants the book ask Siskin to send her a copy for which she will pay \$1.70. Do it in your leisure moment, if you have such a thing.

Give my affectionate greetings to your dear mother, to the boys and the rest of the members of your family. Remember me kindly to the Elkin's. Fraternal greetings to all the comrades and with love for you two.

Emma Goldman

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Dear Comrade,

Enclosed please find check
for \$86.87. Received your letter
and we will answer it soon.

Regards to all, from all,

Yours,
Nick Di Domenico.

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Emma Goldman

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Dec. 17, 1939.

Dearest Fitz:

As you see I am back in Toronto. Talk about the form of torture. A trip to Winnipeg from here is one of them. My poor, old bones were bruised going there and coming back, especially on my return. The beds are simply dreadful - something like those in the jails in this country and in America. Poor C.P.R. cannot afford new rolling stock or more comfortable beds for its passengers. When you consider that the fare to Winnipeg and return by tourist is \$43.00 and some cents and that the dreadful sleeping places cost \$5.80 for two nights, you will realize all the profits that the companies make.

Dearest, I have to come to you again. Since I have left the city everything seems to have stopped. No letters and not a penny for the defence fund. I am worried sick how to pull through the job I had so glibly undertaken. I think I wrote you once that the lawyers fee for the original cases in the courts was \$1500.00. We haven't yet raised that, let alone an extra \$100.00 for general expenses. And, of course, Cohen will want a fee for the fight in the immigration cases. In addition to Arthur Bortolotti we have one who arrived here on a Cuban passport and fell into the net laid for him by the immigration authorities. The poor, unfortunate kid (he is still very young) believing, on his arrival, that he came to a true democracy immediately set out to send glad tidings to his friends in a number of countries. Unfortunately, the authorities got hold of the messages. It not only cooked his own goose, but I am very much afraid it is affecting A.B. and not that his case is rosy. Anyway, I am worried day and night. One thing is certain I will have to raise considerably more to continue the fight in the way it has to be carried on, if the two men are to be saved.

I have heard nothing from the Italians you have seen. I must, therefore, ask you to please try again. See them again and, if possible, pin them down to a contribution. My god, these men draw terrific salaries much of which has to come from the sweat and blood of the workers. It seems to me the least they can do is help one of their own, if not in ideas, at least in country and language. I hate like hell to burden you, but I have no one else to approach in New York and I am quite desperate. If there are any expenses involved in seeing the Italians again, and possibly also Alex Cohen, please let me know and I will reimburse you. Naturally, knowing the struggle you are making, I would not want you to be out of pocket in a cent.

Have you made any attempt to see Dubinsky or Hillman? I have a feeling that if these men could be reached and the story told to them, they might be moved to contributing a large

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sum. It would be nothing at all for them to contribute \$1000.00 and it would certainly not mean much to the workers themselves. The question is how to reach them and how to move them. As I said before, I know no one else who might succeed in that and you are the one. It is for this reason that I appeal to you again.

Dearest, let me hear from you soon. With a great deal of love,

Emma

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Dec. 17, 1939.

Mr. J. C. Macalister,
Suite 6, Marie Apt.,
Alverstone St.,
Winnipeg, Man.

Dear Comrade:

I am awfully sorry that we did not meet at the station for another short exchange of thoughts before I departed. I had looked forward to it. I looked everywhere for you but I did not see you. It may be my fault. I had a dinner engagement which kept me at the hotel dining-room until about half-past six. Then I came to the platform at about twenty minutes to seven, I looked all around for you and Mr. Gouvin who also promised to come and say good-bye. I could not find either of you. Well, I console myself that my visit to your city is not the last. I feel that Winnipeg offers a field for our ideas and I am quite determined to go back. In fact, I may come for several months, make Winnipeg my headquarters and try to contact several Western cities as far as Vancouver. I know I can count on your help to the best of your ability.

You have learned of the plight of our Italian comrade, Arthur Bortolotti. We have a very stiff fight on our hands to rescue him from the tender clutches of Mussolini. Unfortunately, lawyers are costly necessities. While we have raised a substantial fund, it is still far from the original fee we have obliged ourselves to pay to the attorney and there will be an additional fee for the immigration cases. I wonder if you and the Irish friends I met could help in some way. For instance by circulating the enclosed subscription list. I do not want you to do anything that will in any way jeopardize your livelihood; but if you can approach some of your pals and your friends, perhaps you could raise a bit of money. Please do so, if at all possible.

I cannot deny that the trip between Toronto and Winnipeg is a torturous affair, especially if one goes tourist. The cars are old and shaky almost to the extent of the waves at high sea. I was sick both nights and arrived here aching in all my old bones. However, that is not of importance. It will certainly not keep me back from returning to Winnipeg sometimes in the early spring. I will write you about it whenever I definitely decide to make Winnipeg my headquarters for a time.

I hope you will have a very pleasant and joyful Christmas and a happy and interesting New Year. I should like to have been with you during the holiday because of the pleasant recollection I have of Christmas and New Year's holidays with Scotch friends of mine both in London and in Glasgow. All good luck

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to you and much cheer for Christmas especially. Please give my kindest greetings to Mrs. MacAlister and the girls. They are very friendly people and I felt among friends when I was with you and them. Remember me also to your brother-in-law and to the nice Irish couple I met. I will be very glad to hear from you at your earliest possibility.

Fraternally,

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Dec. 19, 1939.

Dear Comrade:

Needless to say I immediately got busy with that Montreal case directly I received your letter of the 18th instnace. I got J. L. Cohen to find somebody who has access to the Immigration Department and who could get in touch with the party without having a watch-dog near him. Just as soon as I have information about the case I will write you. A very reliable friend may be going for a holiday to the States. In that case I will give her alone a letter containing information which I want you and the other comrades to have. This will enable you to judge the difficulties of our fight in regard to A.B. and M.J. and also give you some of the steps our attorney intends to take. This is the more essential because the comrades all over America who at first showed interest in our efforts to release our Italian comrades and since our efforts to save A.B. seem to have grown absolutely indifferent. They neither write nor contribute anything. I cannot tell you how I loathe having to remind the comrades. I fear they will get the idea that I have become a regular mercenary and can think of nothing else but money. But I have pledged my word to our attorney that his fee could be paid long before the end of the year. So far I have not been able to keep my word. It is a thing that worries me a great deal.

Now is it only a question of the original fee. Very considerable expenses are involved in the fight with the immigration authorities. Such items as trips to Ottawa, not only that of J.L. Cohen but also of some people whose backing will be essential to achieve our aim. Their trip will have to be paid. And, of course, the lawyer will want an additional fee for his efforts in behalf of A.B. and M.J. At least if I could clear the original fee of \$1500.00 for which I still need \$500.00, I am sure the attorney will not mind waiting for more money. Please, dear Comrade, understand that I am not pleading for myself. I cannot begin to tell how much I love since I took charge of the defence of our comrades.

I believe you wrote me in one of your last letters that you could soon send more money. I have since heard from the Liberi comrades in Chicago that they have realized something like \$50.00 from an affair for our boys and that the money was sent to you. I hope, therefore, that you will not delay in forwarding this and whatever other contributions you have to me. It will ease my mind.

As I already said, I will write you a detailed letter at the end of the week which should reach you on Monday, or maybe even Tuesday.

Profoundly,

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Emma Goldman

Dec. 19, 1939.

Dear Comrade:

Thank you for sending me the CULTURA. I was glad to see the editorial in one of the issues and the long article in the other. I only wish these two write-ups would have ended with appeals for funds to help carry on our bitter fight. I am sorry to say that the interest and generosity demonstrated in the beginning seem to have cooled to the point of zero, because it is weeks since any contribution has come in. During my absence in Winnipeg and since my return I have received very little mail dealing with our struggle or giving us material or even moral support. Under such indifference it is extremely difficult to carry on a fight to save comrades. I cannot understand the change of attitude. Of course, I know that our comrades everywhere are having their own struggle to exist and that our Spanish friends are contributing towards the maintenance of the numerous martyred comrades in the French camps. Still I am most unhappy to find very considerable indifference to the fate of our Italians who are to be deported.

At the end of the week I will send you a detailed account. It will make you see how grave the situation is and how urgent further support ~~is~~ is. Perhaps that will reawaken the interest of the comrades who have stopped suddenly to let me hear from them.

Dear Comrade, I cannot tell you how delighted I am to see that TIMON has been resurrected from the dead. I can only say what I have repeatedly told all non-Spanish comrades - that the Spanish people are indestructable and that their spirit lives no matter what physical sufferings they undergo. I must write the comrades connected with TIMON and tell them what an inspiration it has been to see them active again. By the way, have you any contact whatever with some of our Spanish comrades in Paris and do you know what they are accomplishing in regard to their being sent to other countries? I am asking because I had hoped, though not very definite one that I might get support from one of the Jewish labour bodies to get Spanish refugees out of France. My go-between Frederica and several other Spanish comrades used to be Augustine Souchy, but he is now in concentration camp as a German, though he was and is, I am sure, the most ardent anti-Nazi you can imagine. My contacts have, therefore, been discontinued. Yet I would like to know what is being done for the refugees in the French camps. Please write me and give me any information you can. Keep sending me your paper.

Fraternally,

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Dear Bill Ryan: I received it at 3:15 p.m. I am glad to hear that you are well. Your letter of the 2nd Instant and your money-order of \$3.00 enclosed arrived during my absence in Winnipeg. You will have received an acknowledgement of the money. Nevertheless I want to express my thanks for your efforts which I know under the present conditions must have been strenuous to collect even the small amount of \$3.00. Thanks a lot for offering to send a little more from time to time. As if it is not enough that the powers that be cause one injury, it must also add insult. By that I mean that unfortunate victims of the law unless they have proper defence are simply railroaded to prison or out of a country without anyone being the wiser for it. And legal defence swallows up an awful lot of money. If it were only a question of a year or two in prison I should consider the help of lawyers a luxury rather than a necessity. But I cannot bear the thought of having our Italian comrade sent to Italy, knowing full well what would be awaiting him there. I don't know who is more contemptible, the communists who keep up the stupid defence of the criminal actions of their hero or their fellow-travellers. It is sickening to read the apologies in the New Republic and in the Nation. These two papers have known for years what is going on in Russia, yet they have continued to cover up all the horrors because they haven't the courage to go out against the communists. Since the past, these two miserable sheets have tried their utmost to explain and to excuse the indefensible treachery of their hero, at the same time showing the utter indifference to injustice close at home. Thus, neither the New Republic or the Nation have found it convenient to bring the articles I wrote them about the suppression of civil liberties in Canada. They are a sour lot. As to their frantic efforts to defend the Kremlin, they are in vain. The world is no longer deceived in what the Kremlin covers and what treachery Stalin is capable of. Mark you, I am not deceived by the crocodile tears that are being shed in the world for the Finns. In point of fact, the Finnish like the Polish was Fascist to the extreme and guilty of the same crimes in their own country as their arch-enemy, Stalin. I have by no means forgotten the White terror in Finland and the barbarous and brutal treatment of the Jews in Poland and the minorities. Not that these justify Stalin's invasion. On the other hand, it is precisely the Fascist nature of Poland and Finland which has roused the sympathies of the imperialists and their generous help. It is to weep when one thinks what the same governments and the same world opinion have done for Spain. No Hoover relief for the Heroic Spaniards. Of course not. The powers that be knew only too well the personnel that constituted the Spanish workers and peasants. Why then should they have rushed relief to suffering Spain. Finland is, of course, another matter. It is a bone fide Fascist government in league with the other Fascists and, therefore, the best colleagues of all other governments. All this is terribly tragic. Still, as I said, it does not excuse or

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minimize Stalin's treachery, nor does it take away from the admirable
defence the Spanish masses are putting up. But the hypocritical
sympathy is loushesome.

Dear Comrade, each one must decide for himself whether
to go before the Dies Commission, or not. I could not do it, even
though hopes were held out that I might be permitted to stay in
America for sometime. I couldn't do it because I should hate to buy
my entrance to the States by any connection with the people who back
the Dies Commission. Not because all that has been discovered in the
investigation is not absolutely true, but because the Commission it-
self is reekingly reactionary, because it is intensely ignorant in
mixing all isms together, and because it is done for show and engrandi-
sement. Then, too, there is an old revolutionary, ethical conception
not to recognize ~~xxx~~ government investigators in the actions of
workers, even if they are duped by Stalin. For myself, I can say with-
out boast that if my life were attempted I would never consent to
expose the one who wanted to kill me. Altogether the Dies Commission
has been an odorous gang and the ex-communists who have now confessed
are also a very sad lot. It was a self-gone conclusion that the Dies
Commission would not publish ~~what~~ in what you were most interested
to disclose. All that the Dies Commission is doing is to use every-
one who is coming before it for its own black hundred purposes. In
your case, you could, of course, not help yourself because you were
summoned which is tantamount with compulsion. I quite understand that
you "cannot find it in my heart to be forgiving....." I, too, have
nothing but the deepest contempt for the miserable communist satraps
and for their power seeking mania, Stalin. Still I would never to
voluntarily go before the Dies Commission.

Give my kindest greetings to your wife.

Fraternally,

Emma Goldman

Enclosed is a letter from the Dies Commission.

I have been thinking of you a great deal lately.

I hope you are well and happy.

I am writing you this letter to tell you that I am still alive.

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Emma Goldman

295 VAUGHAN ROAD
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Dec 20/39

Darling
I've just a little Christmas
token at my home. It is very
small indeed so you will
have to take my neck if
were made for my deed.

The world is an ^{old} Read
and life made ridiculous. And
yet we must snatch a moment
of peace somehow. I hope you
may have this moment
during the holidays. I don't
think of me who loves
you always.

I take
arms.

you on my
your old
C.G.

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*dearest Milly
Don't go to sleep. I
am now complicated
the paper is all over
I'm in a hurry. I'm in
a hurry. I'm in a hurry.*

295 Vaughan Rd.,
Toronto, Ont.,
Dec. 21, 1939.

Dear Comrade:

I have a chance in sending this letter via Buffalo. I can, therefore, speak out about some of the things connected with the great difficulties we are confronted with in re A.B. and M.J. But before I do so I must tell you that I am surprised at the poor interest shown in these cases. I do not want to hurt your feelings, or the other comrades connected with L'Adonata and its readers, but I must say that I have for some time found a luke-warm attitude towards our fight here. Perhaps it is due to the fact that the comrades do not know how involved the two cases are and that those who are carrying the entire brunt in this city are very few. It is for this reason that I want to be very frank with you. What I am going to say is not for publication. It is for you and the comrades of L'Adonata group.

First about Marco—he seems to be exceedingly inexperienced and naive or he would not have discussed every detail of his passport, his coming here and ever so many other things in a series of letters. You already know that these letters had been intercepted by the censor and that they reached the Immigration authorities. During three and a half hours of cross-examination, which took place about three weeks ago in the presence of our attorney, the letters were used in the hearing and there is nothing that Marco could deny since it was in black and white contained in his own letters. The Immigration authorities, therefore, had it very easy in finding him subject to deportation. In other words, the poor fool signed his own fate. That, however, doesn't mean that he isn't continuing to do our utmost to gain the permission for M. to leave for Cuba on his own resources. That is about the only thing I fear that can be accomplished for him. Aliens are not entitled to bail in this country. In addition M.J. has overstayed the time given him when he arrived in Quebec—twenty-four hours to proceed to Cuba. When he was discovered in the house where Arthur and the others lived, he had already overstayed this permission something like six weeks. All in all he bungled his own chances, which of course is too bad.

However, there is one point which unfortunately is having a bad effect on the chances of A.B. It is that in one of the letters of M.J. he stated that A.B. had gone to Montreal to bring him here. In other words, it has connected Arthur with his coming on the Cuban passport to which of course he was not entitled legally. Incidentally we have discovered since the arrest that the authorities here were really in search of M.J. It was this which led them to the house where the whole group lived. When they caught the bird, they naturally also took along the rest of the men in the house.

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From recent news I have received from Los Angeles it seems that the Italian Anarchists are not particularly concerned in the doom confronting A.B. I happen to know that they were approached in behalf of Arthur and that their reply was that they could do nothing because they had other important matters to look after. Well, whatever that may be I consider it outrageous on the part of Anarchists and Italians to show such callous indifference to the fate of one who has never refused help to anybody, much less to his own comrades.

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This will show you
how messy the cases here
are. I know. Apparently
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until it shows the letter to
anybody except perhaps
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Dec. 26th. 1939.

Dear E. G.

I have received two letters, one from you and one from our common friend in D.

I understand very well that help comes slower than it is needed. I do not know exactly how much has been sent by our Italian friends, but I was under the impression that it represented a remarkable effort. You ask me what we intend to do. Of course we intend to do the utmost to place you in a condition to do all that is possible to do, to save our friends from the worse. We here are doing all in our power to help them. I do not know what more we could do. I understand the X Spanish comrades have done something and plan to do something more. But peoples with means are scarce among us and it takes time to put together considerable sums of money.

You certainly know all this and it is silly of me to repeat it. Enough has not been done and all we have to do is to do more. As far as we are concerned, I mean we here, it shall be done.

As for the other headache I have asked you to take upon yourself. I am still waiting news. All I know is that the thing seems to be legitimate and worthy of interest. As you see, I am trying to be clear and make you understand that I have reasons to believe that a comrade is in trouble and needs the help he deserves.

I am completely satisfied that you have found a competent and

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reliable lawyer to defend our friends. But smart as this man is, he should know that no lawyer has ever been cheated of his fee by our comrades, even if it has taken them long to pay, even if they have had to deprive themselves to raise the necessary means.

Meanwhile our administrator has told me he will send you a check immediately; I am sure it will not be as large as the need, but I hope it will help some.

I also am going to explain our friends how pressing is the need so that they on their turn may do their best.

Believe me when I say that all will be done that is in our power, and receive my fraternal greetings and wishes — both for you and our friends in your care — for a happier New Year.

Respectfully

Nick Di Domenico

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Toronto Dec. 27th 39

Ethel, my Dearest . Last night I reread the letter I wrote you the 16th inst. I found it very confusing and containing some errors and I decided to write you again this morning explaining the letter. When I woke up after a sleepless and wretched night I found your dear letter of the 4th inst. and your photo with your lovely place in the back ground. It brought back ~~xxx~~ memories of the soothing and peaceful hours I spent with you in your cottage, the only peaceful hours I had during my stay and work in England. Thank you dearest for the gift. I will cherish it as I have everything you gave me and our companionship ~~when we were together~~. You say at the end of your letter that mine of Nov 18th sounded abrupt. I certainly did not mean it to impress you in this way. Nothing has or can possibly change my love for you. No doubt I was rushed to get the letter off, or harassed by censors in connection with the campaign for my Italian comrade, but never because I no longer care for you my dear, or because I no longer feel my deep friendship for you. Never think that.

~~Before~~ I answer yours of the 4th inst. I must correct a few things in my last ~~last~~ letter. First; the petty cash R. used to present me with I wrote "five or six pounds a week". Of course, it should have been a month's expenses. The wretched man has heavy enough crosses to carry I should add more. It was meant to say that the petty cash for which I never asked for a detailed accounting was a monthly and ~~not~~ a weekly expense. I said I never asked for a detailed accounting. In point of fact I was so sure of R.'s honesty in money matters I could not ask him for accounts. I know this is not business like, and in this world, especially in an English country where cents and dollars and pounds go above everything I should have demanded accounts. But one ~~has~~ ~~has~~ spent so many years in the movement and ~~having helped~~ ~~tens~~ of thousands of dollars ~~for~~ for all sorts of purposes without ever having cause to doubt those with whom I worked, it was impossible to question a comrade. However, R. presents bills and receipts for everything in connection with the work, for the CNT-FAI and the SIA while I was in charge of the receipt and expenditure. Now that the terrible thing has happened and R. embezzled so much money I am beginning to think that he may have helped himself to cash receipts from our meetings, literature, and perhaps even cash sent for SIA while I was in Spain. And that the amount for petty cash may also have been exaggerated. I don't know. ~~xxxxxxx~~ I am certain of one thing that R.'s moral break down did not ~~xxx~~ begin until 1938 when I left for Spain the third time, and during my absence. Much as I have been trying to think since I received the first news of R.'s embezzlement I cannot remember a single item to indicate he was appropriating money.

By the way, has he ever accounted to you for the hundred pounds you had contributed to our Film and which was left in his charge? If you remember you yourself suggested him as treasurer. He never accounted to me for that amount, except before I left for Spain Aug. 25 when he told me he still had \$20 left. I have no idea what he did with that. Apropos of never having asked R. for a detailed account. My dear, have you not criticized me very sharply for my treatment of R. when I returned from Spain and I told you he had deliberately sabotaged the office and the work? You asked "what could he have done during the crisis?" The fact is, it was not only during the crisis. It was from the moment when I left until I returned, and even after R. used to come to Frith St for an hour or two ~~xxx~~ the day, and the same time in the evening. That was during the time he was still drawing a salary. Yet you and Janet

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Grove roundly ~~condemned~~ condemned me for being harsh with R. Janet even wrote me a ~~letter~~ letter charging me that I had exploited poor R. had ~~treat~~ treated him as an office boy and had not shown him comradeship. Poor Janet, I wonder what she thinks of R. now. Well, all that has nothing to do with R's integrity until he became obsessed by his situation for that goose. The more I think of it the more certain I am that this was the beginning of R's plunge. It is small consolation to say that greater and finer spirits than R's have done the most degrading and disgraceful things when they were caught by a mad emotional upheaval. That does not excuse R's taking the money Janet Grove must have gotten on her little place the only thing she owns between her and the workhouse, and intended for V. whom as I said in my last letter R. admired and cared about. The very thought of it really makes me ill.

As to writing him, darest even if I had ~~not~~ not discounted my correspondence with him I should not have written him ~~to~~ to reproach him about his truly heinous offense. I agree fully with you that it would do no good. Also that we are ourselves to blame you and I for having trusted him so completely. I don't see how we could have acted otherwise. I should have known better than you because I knew him longer. Besides, he was always so critical of money laxity in Guy Alfred and in former Anarchists who had lost their ideals in the labor movement. It could not possibly occur to me that he himself was capable of robbing his own intimate friends Janet, V. you and me. No I could not write him. I would rather never hear from him again.

To come back to my letter of Dec. 16th you will be confused by what I wrote regarding part of my salary I drew from the SIA account. I want to make myself clearer. Between Jan. 1937 to Feb. or March 38 R. and I drew £1.10 per week which came from the CNT-FAI budget. SIA was not yet in existence then, but I made appeals for the evacuated women and children in Spain which of course I delivered to the comrades in Barcelona when I came there in 1937 and for which I have receipts. Jan. 38 we moved into Frith Street, I was ~~fairly~~ consumed with regrets that I did not continue the work from Aunley's flat. It was then that I increased our salaries to £3 each as it became more and more impossible to live ^{on} thirty shillings per week. I decided the amount between the CNT-FAI and SIA. But while I realized that R. cannot be expected to go on with less than £3, I never had a peaceful moment so long as I was forced to take part of my salary from SIA. I therefore promised myself that I would return every penny to the SIA fund just as soon as I would get hold of some money of my own. Now, while I drew part salary from SIA I did it only from about March to August 1938. ~~xxxxxxx~~

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Believe me dearest Ethel I feel a heavy load off my old back. It was bitter hard for me to have to touch a sou from the Fund for SIA. But during the largest part of 38, I had so little of my own I could have paid my most essential living expenses. Besides, you must not think that the salary of three I drew actually covered my expenses, I mean such that were connected with my work, such as translations, bus fare and above all telephones from the house and last but not least postage. I feel certain you have not and never will suspect me of having lived ~~frankly~~ extravagantly on SIA or the GIFT-FAL. Still I wanted to get the matter off my heart. That's why I decided to give you a detailed account.

You asked me in one of your letters when R. got money last. In Feb I gave him a check for six pounds. That was entirely of my own, the money my American and Canadian comrades had sent me for my pass because the CMT-PAI budget had been closed the end of the year of 38. ~~Kxxxxxx~~ The 21st of Dec before I left for Amsterdam I gave R a check of £36 which included his salary for four weeks and eight weeks rent. Then in Jan 30th I gave him another check for £24 pounds for his final salary and the final rent. That closed all accounts of the CMT-PAI. The six in Feb. was as I already stated from my own personal money. In fact I also gave him ~~many~~ gifts as I could not bear to think he was absolutely penniless. However he worked at the time, at least he told me he did and as he kept away from the office so long every day I concluded that he must be working. Still I did not leave him stranded altogether you may believe me. Well the whole sordid business is over together with all the pain, the chafin and the misery I suffered during my stay in London. No matter how ardently I tried I never seemed to satisfy anybody, yourself included. You at least criticised me to my face or took issue with me. I did not mind that. The others ripped me up behind my back. As I have always told you I met my Waterloo in England. Never before have I felt so frustrated in all the years of my public activities. And now to find that the man I trusted and believed in, even if it nearly killed me to work with him has turned out to be a crook. That is a frightful jolt I can tell you.

You speak of only thirty comrades. What has become of the rest? And the man who had a break down? I wish you'd let me know. You ask me about the money I sent. Do you still mean the £7? I thought you had long ago decided that. Do as you think best about it if you still have it. And do as you think best about the £20 for which you will

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find a check inclosed. Yes, give the money to Gonzalez. I rely on your judgment anyhow.

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Your folks in England if you could put up a candidate on an anti-war ticket. We here can hardly breathe. My Italian comrades were framed up without having either written or spoken against the war. Since I wrote you last the original charges were dismissed, thanks to the cleverness of our attorney. Now two are being held for deportation. I hardly need tell you what their fate would be if they were sent to Italy. We are working hard to get one of the ~~Italian~~ Arthur Bortolotti out on bail. Nothing but cash will be accepted. Five thousand dollars cash at that. I succeeded in raising \$2000 and I got some friends to take out a loan on their property. We may succeed. Then there is the ever present worry about the original fee contracted with our attorney. I alone am responsible for that. I have raised so far only \$13000/. The fee is \$1500. Then there will be a fee for the immigration cases. So you can see I am carrying an awful load. I had to smile when I read that you do not think me "alone" with Dorothy Roger and other comrades to help me. Derling's help is very welcome indeed, but they have no way of raising a dollar, and they are not responsible for the amount the defence has already entailed and still is going to cost. But I am certainly happy to have the cooperation of some of the comrades here, to have their trust and their agreement to the steps that had to be taken quickly. I never had that in London. You say we could have had a small committee of Sonia, you and Regie. My dearest have I not tried time on end, to get Sonia, James and Regie. Regie gave his name as a sponsor but he never came near Frith Street, or me, and he certainly showed no interest whatever in the work. And Sonia as well as James though helpful at times were very haphazard. In fact we used to pass without Sonia calling up or seeing how I was getting on. I always had to call her. So how can you say "we might have had a committee" when you knew how hard I tried. Yes, you and only you ~~were~~ was the only one who made my life and work in London possible at all. I have so often told you that and I can only repeat it once more. Aside of the attraction and charm ~~you~~ you have for me your interest in my work for Spain and especially SIA would have endeared ~~me~~ for the rest of my life. Never doubt that my own Ethel.

I fear my last letter was full of typographical mistakes. I had to dictate to a dear friend of mine, the daughter of a comrade and herself an Anarchist. She took the letter after a hard day's work on her job, hence the many blunders in the letter.

Dearest mine I wish you more for the New Year than words can express. Peace of mind and rest of your body, supreme satisfaction in your personal life, and in your work. Much joy and some happiness snatched from a mad and bloodthirsty world.

I embrace you with love.

Emma

I forgot to state that before I booked a penny of cash I had to C.N.R. and I gave the money to the committee in Barcelona in regard to my salary and their work. I had to see the money for myself. I did it only

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because I felt sure I would return
when I reached Canada. It is true
that part of the rent and matters
concerning the had to be charged to the
that was, with the government and
appreciation of the comrades in
Canada at the head of the. I should
not have done a thing else.
With R. plunged into the mire. I
am not so sure about his book
keeping any more. I do not see
what paper he is as I have no
idea of book keeping. Besides it would
have seemed preposterous to mis-
trust him. It is a messy business
I only hope the discrepancies will not
prove too awful. Let me know
please, and the Spanish only return
from ~~going~~ the use of police
that will be an aid with P's act
if they should take such steps.

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Emma Goldman

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Dearest Bunya, Dear Jasha. Thanks for your joint letter. One of these days I will write each of you a special love letter. Just now I am too worried and distressed about our two Italiens. One cannot even gotten out on bail and the unfortunate chap does not speak a word of English. He has been worse than in solitary confinement and he is near a break down. Arthur Bertalotti has at last been admitted to five thousand dollars cash bail. Some job raising cash here, or anywheres in Canada. I have actually succeeded in getting loans for ~~five~~ thousand and ~~thousands~~ enough property has been guaranteed by several comrades to ~~get~~ ~~a~~ three thousand loan. Someone is working on that now. I am so eager to get A. out for New Year, but I fear it will not be. Well, there is some comfort in knowing he has been admitted to bail and that we are on the way of getting him out. Then the real struggle will begin and money ~~will~~ be needed. Its a long time, in fact since I am out of America that I have found it so hard to get support to save a comrade. But there is nothing to do except to continue struggling.

My dears my entire mail seems to be held up as I have not received a single letter from the States since I returned from W. It has never happened before and I have been wraking my old head wondering what can be the reason. I left a forwarding addrees in the Hotel. But as I found them most neglectful it occurred to me there may be letters for me at the Royal Alexander. Would you please go over, it is no use phoning, and see if they have been holding my mail. You will greatly relieve me. If you find anything please send it by AIR MAIL. I am worried sick about the strange thing of my entire mail having stopped. My average mail is about fifty a week. Not one since I returned. Don't you think it is strange.

A happy and eventful New Year.

Affectionately

Emma Goldman

Getting to your mother and family as well as all the comrades. Also to that impossible Sinkin who is only attentive when one is near him and then forgets all about one.

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December 28, 1939

E. G. Colton
206 Vaughan Road
Toronto, Ontario

Dearest Emma,

I haven't heard from you for some time, wonder how you feel.

I had a brief meeting with the Italians in Boston who claim that the L'Adunata group of New York is raising a fund and that they are sending you money regularly. I could not persuade them to make any headway and I believe that you ought to send a personal letter to Aldino Felici, 49 Portland Street, Boston, Mass.

Meanwhile, good news that Molly and Senia may come is encouraging. Unfortunately, I have to leave for the coast and will not be able to go on with preparations, but Rose Bernstein, who is an old timer, will do the job with the cooperation of the rest of the comrades.

I am taking your pamphlets to California (I couldn't sell them here) will try to distribute them there among our comrades and friends.

Love,

Rose

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Dear Comrade;

Enclosed please find check
for \$100. Best regards and
wishes for the New Year,
Your Comrade
Nick Di Domenico.

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New York, Jan. 4th. 1940. orig

Dear E.G.

Last week I wrote to you a short letter replying briefly to two letters of yours which had been duly received. I hope you have received my letter by now, not because it might have had any special interest but because it would have shown you that I am not at all disinterested about the things you have so much at heart.

Your telegram was received of course and it was answered by a telegraphic remittance which I had announced in my letter. I hope it has been received by you.

In my preceding letter I said that since in your judgement not enough had been done by us to help our friends, we should of course endeavour to do more. This I have tried to do by showing your letter to a number of friends and writing to some more in order to press on them the urgency of supplying the necessary means. Besides, your appeal has been published both in the Spanish and in our paper.

Meanwhile a hope has appeared here, that our persecuted friends may still obtain to remain in Canada; another hope that even if they are expelled they may be allowed to go where they choose, provided they find a country willing to admit them. I am not discounting these hopes in order to find relief from our obligation to do the utmost; I am simply keeping them in mind in order to provide the necessary travelling means in case that the first hope proves totally or partially unfounded, and the second has a chance of being realized.

Give our friends our best regards and wishes. To you my fraternal greetings.

Yours

Nick Di Domenico

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Dear Comrade,

About three weeks ago I mailed you a check for \$6.87, but I never received an answer regarding same.

Yesterday, in looking over my bank statement for the month, I noticed that you did not cash said check. Have you received it? Please let me know.

Regards,

Nick Di Domenico

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Toronto, Jan. 6/40

Derling Milly:

This will be mailed you from New York. The enclosed letter to comrades and friends speaks for itself, and also explains why I must take every opportunity of friends going to the States to send letters with them. It has gotten so that I am afraid to say the most innocent for fear that my mail is censored ~~xxxx~~ and that it is going to be held up again. Fortunately, there is always somebody going from here to New York or Rochester.

Dearest, I have received your air-mail letter. Incidentally that was the only one I did get from anybody within three weeks. Then on Thursday some Christmas cards came and today for the first time in over three weeks a small batch of letters. I suppose they will continue to come now that they have actually been released. If the Los Angeles Italians have sent money to L'Adonata I will get it. In fact, Domenico has wired money but that also seems to have been held up. At any rate I haven't received it yet. No doubt I will. Meanwhile we are working at great speed to raise the \$5,000.00 cash for Arthur's bail. I dare not be too optimistic. We have had so many set backs. Still we may have it by Monday. Then the fight will only begin.

I understand that Rosa is leaving for California the 7th. I must say I am disappointed in her bitterly. She has done absolutely nothing in Arthur's case. Not even a personal contribution. I am beginning to think that she will also fail us about Molly and Senia. By the way I learned that ~~xxx~~ Abe Bluestein has received a letter from Molly asking for financial help. I can imagine how desperate she must be. Can you get busy on the case. By all means approach the people who remember Molly, and write the people in New York who used to know her. We can't just let Molly and Senia starve to death. I am getting to the last of my fetters, as far as money is concerned but I will nevertheless contribute \$25.00 to a fund to help our dear Molly and Senia. I am in correspondence with Spanish comrades in Mexico. I have determined to write them and ask them for a visa for Molly and Senia.

Dearest Milly, I can't write any more now. I will sometimes soon. If you see Jeanne ask her why she has stopped writing me and give her and Jay my New Year's greetings, also Rudolf, C.V. and Sadie Cook. Fraternal greetings to all the comrades,

Emma
Also received your
New Year's greetings

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895 Vaughan Rd.,
Toronto, Ont.,
Jan. 6, 1940.

Dear Comrades and Friends:

Those of you who have written me within the last three weeks must be wondering why you have no reply. Here is what happened. My entire mail had been held up until today when I received a few letters of the bulk that must have accumulated with the authorities in Ottawa. In point of fact, the letters might have been held up indefinitely were it not that I put J.L. Cohen on the job to go after the miserable people in power in this country. You have no idea how arbitrary and reactionary the authorities in Canada have become since the declaration of war. One is gagged and paralyzed and unable to make a step or express an opinion without paying dearly for them. If there were such a thing as a movement here, or a group of comrades willing to stand the consequences for some activity, I would not give a hang to risk prison rather than to continue in the stifling atmosphere without protest. But we have no one of any consequence and it is impossible to get a hearing or to reach people by means of the printed word. So all one can do is to clench one's fist and grit one's teeth. I don't think I could endure it if it were not for the fact that I am in charge for the defence of our two comrades and I certainly do not feel justified in doing anything that would jeopardize their chances of freedom. But my present situation is very galling I can assure you.

One would despair utterly if it were not for some bits of comedy that creep in ever so often in dealing with the powers that be. Here is something that will make you roar with laughter. When Cohen demanded to know what is the matter with Emma Goldman's mail, he was told "nothing" the matter with E.G." Whereupon he asked them to find out what was the matter with the mail of E.G. Colton. The reply was that E.G. Colton was a very mysterious person because she was receiving money orders and cheques and there was no saying for what purpose the money was intended. In other words Emma Goldman is no longer considered dangerous. Not so the perfectly good and inoffensive British name, E.G. Colton. Can you beat anything so stupid on the part of those who take the right to dictate the lives of millions from the cradle to the grave? It is funny, isn't it?

As regards our two comrades. The suggestions you make in your letter in case the immigration authorities insist on deporting them I have already considered. As far as Joachim is concerned, this is exactly what Cohen has been working on for some time. He is trying to prevail on the immigration gang to permit Marco to go to Cuba at his own expense. But so far it has been without success. The reason for it I fear is that the authorities here have sent Marco's picture and fingerprints to Belgium, and you know what the result would be. Even during peace time in the past the Belgian government, always ~~was~~ very Fascist without the name, has turned over Italian anti-Fascists to Italy and I am sure it would do no less now. You can rest assured that Cohen will move the heavens to prevent Marco's deportation to Belgium. J.L. Cohen may be expensive, but I have never met a lawyer so intensely interested in the cases he represents, or so tireless in his efforts. Anyway, we are certainly going to do our damndest to get permission for Marco to choose Cuba, as I do not think any other country would let him in.

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Dear Comrade, I realize that the Italian comrades are not in a position to do very much more than they have. Nevertheless, I know that extra efforts can be made, if there is a will. Not for a moment did I mean to suggest that you had not tried your utmost, but I am sure there must be any number of comrades who could have helped the defence of our two chaps here more generously than they did. No doubt, they would have done so if they would have been closer to our two imprisoned comrades. But distance makes a great deal difference in people in their interests in their comrades and friends. Do not think that I meant to reproach you or those connected with L'Adonata. As to the others, we must keep on going after them as considerable money is still needed to bring the fight to a successful end. I still short \$250.00 to close the ~~new~~ original fee of \$500.00 and we will need at least another \$1000.00. To keep hammering away to rouse interest.

I will write again as soon as the balance of my mail is delivered.

Fraternally,

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Now to come back to your letter. No doubt the previous one you wrote informing me of the telegraphic remittance you made is among the bundle of letters I have not yet received. Neither have I heard from the telegraph company about the money. If you would have informed me whether it is the Canadian Pacific or the Canadian National, I could have called up either one to ascertain whether money has been received for me. Most likely, however, it also had been held up. I may hear about it on Monday and will let you know, of course.

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Dear Comrade, this letter may be brought to you in person by a comrade who is here on a visit and is going back tomorrow morning, or he will mail it when he reaches New York so you should get it sometime on Monday. Also I am having a niece of mine wire you from Rochester tomorrow night. She was here on a visit and is returning to Rochester tomorrow morning. I know how anxious you must be and, therefore, do not care for the small expense.

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So far I have received no information regarding the case in Montreal. Cohen has written his representative in that city but the man had gone away on a vacation during the holidays. He has only just returned and he has written that he will immediately look into the case. Just as soon as I will get word, I will let you know. I feel very bad about the poor man, who may be a very good comrade and through his own deficiency and that of Hans made it impossible for us to know who he was and to act more promptly.

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Toronto, Jan. 6, 1939.

Berling Fitz:

It was good to hear your voice over the phone and that of H.M. The enclosed letter to comrades and friends which will be mailed to you from New York sneaks for itself. As you see E.G. is no longer dangerous. E.G. Colton worries the poor boobs in the postal department. It can't be that they are such dubs not to have known that Colton and Goldman are the same. I only wish it were true that E.G. Colton is receiving cheques and money-orders. May be some are contained in the letters that have not yet been delivered. I only got a few of the bulk that must have accumulated within the last three weeks. I certainly hope one of the letters contains the \$100.00 you said over the phone had been contributed by the Joint Board. I wonder was it the Joint Board of the International or the Amalgamated? I learned only the other day that Blanco had written a letter to the head of the Amalgamated here, Spivack, asking him for the organization to do something. Not only has it not done anything at all, but Spivack did not even have the grace that he had received such a letter. It is terrible how self-centred and self-sufficient these fat and greasy labour leaders are. They have good positions and are secure so why should they care about Arthur being in prison. I confess I am most disappointed with the people you saw who have done nothing. Well, if Arthur is to be saved the Italian comrades will have to ~~help~~ help. None others will.

Dearest, I don't know what Harry meant when he said that he might see me in New York soon. He must have just wanted to cheer me up for the New Year. I see no hope of getting back.

I hope my dear that the New Year will bring you some interesting and worthwhile position, some cheer and joy. Life is so dreb at best, especially for those of us who are used to a full and vivid life.

I will write you again if my letters contain anything from the Joint Board, or any other good news.

With love,

Emma

Write m. under my own
name to get name. I want
to see what the damned fads
here will do then.

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New York, N.Y. 1940

Dear Comrade:

For sometime I have tried to find a way to reach you so that I could tell you a few things you must know.

I.- Since the beginning of our correspondence I have written to you at least one letter every week, often more than one. If you have not received them it means that they must have been intercepted. I am not in possession of a detailed list of the sums that have been sent you for the defense of our friends, but it will be sent to you immediately by the administrator who keeps account of such sums.

II.- Last Wednesday (Jan. 6rd) a comrade connected with us, who belongs to the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, was called by telephone to the office of the Amalgamated by Giovanni Sala, an organizer. The comrade went and found Augusto Bellanca together with Sala. Bellanca did the talking. He said that sometimes too, an old lady went to him, here in New York, to try to interest him in the defense of our Toronto comrades. After that he had occasion to go to Toronto personally, and upon inquiring about our arrested comrades he discovered that their lawyer is at the same time the lawyer of the Union. Informations received persuaded him that our comrade Arturo is an excellent person, and that he has a good chance to be freed and let stay in the town and country where he has lived for so many years. As to the other two, there is no way out except deportation, but he has hopes that they may be allowed to go to a country of their choice, in which case he is willing to help them find admission in Chile. Of course, if admitted to Chile they need pay their expenses and have fifty dollars when they reach that country. All this was said by Bellanca, who added that to obtain all this a sum of \$ 200 hundred is needed. He is ready to provide fifty dollars to make this sum, the remaining 150 to be provided by our comrades. He added that soon he, Bellanca, would go again to Toronto and take further interest in the case and keep the comrade in New York talking to posted on results. I must add that it is Bellanca's wish that his interest in the case be absolutely secret.

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and no publicity whatever given.

No engagement of any sort has been taken by our comrades here. The Com-
rade reported to our friends ^{who} have a Committee for Political prisoners, who of
course think they can do nothing unless they have communicated with you
and obtained your advice, in order to save duplication of effort. For your
information, Bell. is due in Toronto about Jan. 13th. This letter and com-
munication is as much from my part as from the part of the other comrades
here. Therefore let us know, please, what you think we should do about Bellan-
ca's promises. I hardly need to tell you that this man is a politician
with very few scruples, and that if he is willing to do anything for our
friends it is certainly more out of hate for the International Ladies
Garment Workers' gang, than out of love for us.

S.- From the preceding I assume that information about the Montreal
prisoner must have reached you. Have you been able to identify him? There
no further news of him has come.

Please do not for a moment think that either I or the friends here
are careless about our friends. We do all we can and we never assume that
we have done enough.

Give them all our best regards, mine in particular, and receive my
fraternal greetings.

Cordially Yours.

Nick Di Domenico

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Dear Comrade. I hope you received my letter my-niece took with her when she left for Rochester N.Y. Sunday. And also the telegram which I asked her to send you Sunday night in my name. I had hoped to have my mail delivered yesterday as the rotten government assured our attourney that it had been released. But here it is Tues. and still no mail, you letter or any from my other correspondents. It is like living in a totalitarian country to be so cut off and so helpless as one is here. It makes me feel I ought to go back to England where there is still a breath of freedom. At least I learn that anti war propaganda can still be carried on and meetings held. He one is gagged and fettered. However it is not this that I started to write you to day. I have a chance to send this out tomorrow with a comrade who is leaving for Boston. So here goes.

Dear Nic, I have some good news but also something bad. First about the good. Cohen got the bail for Arthur reduced to four hundred cash and would you believe it we have the full amount without having to pay usurers interest. The faithful comrades in Detroit raised \$1651 in A. currency and fifty in Canadian. The Italian comrades here raised two thousand, of that an Italian business man who knows and likes Arthur has contributed \$1000 and the other was given by two comrades. Finally I borrowed \$200. So we will have even a little above the \$4000. Now I can say with certainty that we will have Arthur out on bail tomorrow. You cannot imagine what a load of my shoulders this will be. It is not only that being out on bail will have a good effect on Arthurs case in general, but also that Cohen will now be able to concentrate first on Joachims case to prevail on the Imm. authorities to let him go to Cuba on his own. It was impossible to do anything for him before because it connected his case with Arthurs and made it harder to do anything for either of the boy. I believe I have already written you some time ago that the Imm. authorities would never have arrested Arthur if they had not been in search for Joachim. They wanted him first of all, and when they found him in the house where A. and the others lived they simply took the other man along. Anyhow, Cohen will immediately get busy on J's case wh after tomorrow. The main thing is Arthur will be out on bail and he will be able to keep after Cohen.

Comrade Gava who brought the money from Detroit was just here and he read me the letter you had sent to Detroit in re ~~Rabun~~ Balanca Well, he did write the man who represents the Amalgamated Clothing Workers in this city ~~xxx~~ to do something for Arthur. All the man did is to call up Cohen and ask him a lot of idle questions. He did nothing else. Balanca himself has not yet been here. He is expected Saturday and I was faithfully promised by Palemno another representative of the Amalgamated that he would bring Balanca up to me. You can rest assured that I will get hold of him. If he does not want to come to me I will go to him. I would do a great deal more to help our comrades. I see now that the suggestions you made in your letter which I answered Saturday are the same Balanca made to you. Namely that if we cannot keep Arthur here we should work hard to get him permission to choose the country

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to go to and that Chile was suggested. Alright my dear we will work for that. But first we must try our damndes to fight for Arthurs right to remain here. He is more needed here than in Chile where there are other active comrades.

As to poor Joachim, his case is harder than Arthurs because he gave it away in his letters intercepted by the Imm. authorities. You see he had been given 24 hours in Canada when he landed in Quebec. The story he told the authorities was that he had a letter from someone in Paris to be delivered to ~~Gxxx~~ his brother Roger ~~Rin~~ Benvenuti. Instead of renewing his stay in this city when the 24 hours were up the foolish boy thought he could trick the Imm. people. He just did nothing. When ~~Montreal~~ ~~Montreal~~ weeks passed and J. did not show up the Imm. gang began to search for him. Now, since ~~he did not~~ since J. overstaid his time it is not likely the authorities will take the chance of letting him leave Canada on his own. However, we mean to fight for this right good and hard. Meanwhile it would be advisable to begin raising the expence money for his fare. If I mistake not J. had some thing like \$75 of his own, but that will not be enough, and also he should be given a few extra dollars for himself. We all feel terrible about the poor youngster because he does not speak a word of English and he has not been permitted to get any sort of literature in any other language. In fact neither did Arthur, not even the wishy washy Nation and New Republic. The jail here is among the worst I have seen. The result is our young comrade has suffered more than Arthur. It is for this reason that A. did not want to come out on bail at all as long as J. remains in. But knowing how important it is to have at least one of them out and no mail for J. being granted I simply had to act "arbitrarily" actually over the head of A. Well, I do not care if he will be angry or scold me just so I have him out. I don't know what I would have done without the splendid solidarity demonstrated by the Italian comrades in Detroit and here. If only I can also get together the amount still needed for the defense, especially the trips that will now be necessary to Ottawa and Montreal we might really succeed in saving our two "criminals". I had to sail when Gava read me your letter wherein you mentioned the fact that Balanca found out that Arthur was an honorable man. He is certainly that and very much more.

Now to the painful news I have to report. The man who came on another Cuban passport was deported three weeks ago. When I came back from Winnipeg and found your special asking to get someone in Montreal in touch with him I immediately ~~phxxx~~ spoke to Cohen and he said he had just the man we need. He wrote him the 16th. Had then learned that his man had gone away on two weeks holiday. I would have sent our comrade Dorothy Roger but it would have implied an expence of at least 25 dollars to go to Montreal. It seemed a wasteful expence. Well, Saturday Cohen received a letter from his man saying that Hernandez, I believe that is the name of the unfortunate man was sent back to ~~France~~ France. I feel terribly sorry now that I did not send Dorothy to Montreal, at least to assure him that we are going to do what ~~xxxxxx~~ we can. I am still uncertain whether he was a comrade, in any event he should have been given the satisfaction that the comrades are responding to his case. He must have been bitterly disappointed to have heard from no one. The trouble is it is so hard to raise money for lawyers, and they simply will not budge unless they are paid I was afraid to go into new expences for the Montreal case, in fact I did not have the money. I am still \$250 short to make up Cohens original fee and I myself have only what the comrades in America raised as a gift to my 70th anniversary, and little of that left. Still I feel guilty. I should have apid for the trip to

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Montreal out of my own pocket. Not that we could have saved H.J. having come on a bad Cuban passport it is not likely ~~they~~ the authorities would have been more liberal than they are with J. Besides, it would have been necessary to put the case in Cohens hands, or some other attourney. And that would have meant a new expence to which the Italian comrades every where are deadly opposed to. They would not object to lose money put up for bail. But they r sent having to pay lawyers. It is really most in consistant because bail money forfeited also goes to the government. That however is beside the point. It is the deportation of our comrade which is so awful and sad.

One thing is certain dear comrade you must write HAM again that we in Canada can handle no more cases of the nature of J. or the one already deported. Please impress that on is mind.

Well, the second mail delivery has come but no mail for E.G. Colbnn yet. I am really desperate. Yet unable to do anything but wait. Please be sure to address me Emma Goldman. It seems Ottawa is more interested in Mrs Coltons mail. Perhaps it will be just as well to send checks and money order to Emma Goldman ~~since~~. Its a crazy situatio

I will take a chance this evening to get you on the phone. I must know whether you sent money by wire as you stated in your special of Jan. 4th. I hope you will be at 295 Lafayette Street. When next you write send me your telephone number.

Goodby dear Nick.

If you have not yet read the N.Y. Nation of the 6th and the New Republic of the 8th of Jan. do so. They contain parts of my articles written for these papers. You know the saying "better late than never". It is about six weeks since I sent then my articles.

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January 10th. 1940.

My dear Mrs. H.G. Colton:

Yesterday I read your letter of Jan. 6th., for which I thank you very much. It clears up the fact that some of my letters were not received by you, and also one mistake of mine. I wrote to you that in reply to your telegram some money, one hundred dollars I believe had been sent by telegram. Now this is not true: it was sent by check and airmail. Since I did not send ^{the} money personally, I misunderstood, and I am sorry to have given you additional trouble on account of this mistake.

It is good to live in these stupid times, my dear Comrade H.G. Colton, and be able to do some good to our fellow human beings. More than ever do I believe it fortunate that you happened to be in Toronto at the time our friend Bortolotti was arrested together with three other men and charged with crimes which might have sent them to jail for years. It is due to your interest in them, ^{they were} that enabled them to secure a good lawyer able and willing to prove that these charges were utterly unfounded. But for that, their liberty, probably their lives, might have been lost. You know very well that prosecutors are not after the truth; the only thing they care about is to secure convictions, and judges ^{be} easily misguided by undisputed evidence submitted by unscrupulous prosecutors. This is why the expert defense of a competent jurist is required in Court, I suppose, and our friends owe to the assistance of such a lawyer their acquittals from those utterly unfounded and ferocious charges. It seems to me that no objection should be raised against your interest in an absolutely legal work of defense of persons who have been unjustly persecuted. Or has it become suspicious to receive money to pay a lawyer who has defended in Court for individuals who have been proved innocent of any crime, unjustly arrested and charged with crimes they have not committed? In that case, the Court who acquitted them should be suspected even more than the defense.

I see from a couple of publications in New York

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that some interest has been raised, although it comes somewhat belatedly. You will also notice that some more interest is being taken by our comrades, which as you say is badly needed.

We shall keep on. Anon: our friends there are no rich people, scarcely any that might be called well-to-do: they often give more than they can afford and appeals for help come^r then constantly from all over the world: that's why their enthusiasm seems unsatisfactory. But I can assure you they take the cause of our arrested friends at heart and they will not fail.

I hope you will receive soon further news from me. I should also be very grateful to you if you could provide me with your niece's address in case I might have an opportunity to contact her. And good work.

From me and from the friends about here, receive fraternal greetings both for you and for our friends.

Cordially Yours.

Nick

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Jan. 12th 40

Dear Comrade,

Weds evening I sent you a night letter that we have A. out on bail at last. Cohen succeeded in getting it reduced to \$4000 Of that \$362 came from Detroit and Windsor, and \$ 200 I borrowed here. Then \$4000 was furnished by two comrades, and important also \$1000 from a ~~friend~~ a friend of Arthurs a business man. In all \$4000. It was the highest time to get Arthur out because he is a very sick man. He lost 12 pounds and is generally frightfully run down. No wonder the conditions under which he was kept fourteen weeks are anything but modern. I had to put him to bed at my place and give him the necessary immediate treatment. I wanted him to stay with me until he would feel stronger on his feet. But our Italian friends were very impatient that he did not return to them right away. And A. too felt he must go to them at once. So I packed him up in the taxi and sent him to Bevinutis place 137 Brandon Avenue where he will remain for the present. The main thing is he is free for a while to go where he wills and do what he wants without having to submit to senseless orders and iron discipline. His hearing is set for Monday provided he is well enough to attend, if not it will take place a few days later.

In my wire I asked you to phone me long distance last night. I forgot to give you my telephone besides I thought you surely had it on my letter heads as per the above. At that time I did not yet have my mail held up by the authorities for what I thought four weeks. I therefore wanted to tell you ~~why~~ that I did not hear from you. Well, my letters have at least been released, 19 of them dated as ~~back as far back as Nov 26th~~ as far back as Nov 26th were delivered yesterday among them your letter containing the check of \$36.87. Also a letter from the comrades of SIA with check for \$200, and several smaller checks I will now be able to clear the original fee of \$1500. After this the new ordeal will begin to raise money for the immigration cases. I don't know yet how much we will need for that.

The batch of letters also contained your letters of Nov 26th and Nov 29th. Two letters from you ~~directly~~ special deliver reached me Dec. 14th and Jan 4th. In this last letter you say that you have written me the previous week and that in answer to my wire last week you sent "remittance by telegram". No money has come this way. Do you mean you sent some by telegraphic ~~route~~ route besides the \$36.87 which reached me yesterday? I am not at all clear what the reference to the telegraphic remittance means. I wish you would let me know when you write me next. Meanwhile thanks a lot for the money you sent and will you also thank all the comrades who have contributed to the cost of the defence.

In your letter of the 26th of Nov you say you do not know exactly how much the Italian comrades send to the defence of our friends here. I cannot at this writing give you a detailed account but approximately it was as follows, \$150 directly from L. Adunato

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about \$100 from Detroit, \$36 from Windsor and about \$150 collected here. Comrade Dorothy Roger who is keeping account of every penny has gone to the prison to visit Marco. When she comes back I will ask her for the exact sum. But just roughly speaking it was about \$450, and perhaps more to bring it up to \$500. That is of course quite a sum for unemployed or those who earn little. I assure you I am well aware of this and I deeply appreciate all the Italian comrades have done. On the other hand it is a fact that that Spanish comrades who are nothing like so numerous as the Italians and who have tens of thousands, if not more of refugees to look after have sent no less. However, I do not mean to complain dear comrade about laxity on the part of our good Italian friends. They have shown a great deal of solidarity and comradeship especially with the bail. I am convinced if they had been able they would have done more for the defence. Yet I know that our Italian comrades have an awful lot of prejudice against legal help, against lawyers. They seem to forget that we still live under the capitalist system and its protector the state. Now it is true that we do not enjoy many rights even with a lawyer, but also none at all without legal help. In other words in arrests lawyers are as essential as postage stamps if we wish to write our friends. In the cases here everybody connected with me will bear me out when I say that without J.L. Cohen three would already be serving time and Marco long deported. Then later their release A.B. would be shipped out. I hope you will make this clear to all the comrades who object to the fee of \$1500 and to raising more money ~~xxxx~~ to the fight for A.B. and M. Jouaquin. Not that I have any faith that M.J. can be saved. But that will certainly be his own fault and not the lack of effort on the part of J.L. I will I could send you a copy of the hearing, the letters the foolish man has sent out. You would understand better the difficulties that has created for himself and also for A.B. However, we are not forsaking him because of his stupid belief that he had come to a "free" country and that he could write any damned nonsense that came into his head. Cohen is trying just as hard for him as for A.B. I am only trying to convey to you the trouble we have been confronted with owing to the utter inexperience of M.J. and why it will take very considerable to save him if we can succeed at all.

Dear comrade not by a single word has Cohen ever suggested his doubts that the comrades would "cheat" him of his fee. Whatever made you come to that idea. Even if he knew nothing about the comrades, he knows me and he knows that he could depend on me to make good his fee. If I have given you the impression that J.L. doubted this I am sorry. I repeat what I have already written several times, Cohens is very fond of money and expects a lot. But so do all lawyers who cannot lace his boots either in legal skill, or real interest in their cases. So we simply must submit. We cannot have our pie and eat it at the same time. We could not have done as much for our friends without J.L.C. That's all I have tried to tell you.

Balanco is expected here tomorrow and I hope to see him. From Montade Fitzgerald I learn that some of the locals of the Amalgamated and the International have voted to give A.B.'s case "hundred percent" assistance. So far I have received nothing. But I hope I will, especially when I will have the statement Cohen is now preparing. I will write them then. I consider Arthur's life more important than any personal or group feuds, or even the fact that the labor movement is not what you and I would like it to be. Every day I have to brush up against people who are diametrically opposed to me and my ideas, yet if I had to approach them for a comrade in great distress or in danger I would do so. If I am to be charged with inconsistency for that alright. You see I consider

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that the most logical social theory is valueless if not combined with human kindness and a large spirit. I repeat therefore that I would go a long way to save A.'s life and freedom of movement. I realize that he himself though among the most generous men in our ranks, always giving to the extent of his own deprivation finds it hard to take anything from others, even his own comrades. He is already lamenting that he has "become a burden on the movement". I told him that such an attitude is not at all consistent with his Anarchism. For does not our ideology teach us that ~~anywhere~~ in a free society each gives according to his ability and takes from society according to his needs. Well, if ever there was an Anarchist who has given more than his ability and needs it was Arthur Batolotti. Indeed I know that for others he would do as I, go to the unions and overlook old grievances. Naturally, one cannot do so for oneself. Anyhow dear comrades we need not argue the point in re the unions or other matters. For myself I know that you and the other Italian comrades have done all you could and will do more. As for your objections to this or that step I must grant you that right. That's all there is to it.

I have already written you ~~that~~ about the case at the Montreal end. I am fairly sick that we were too late. I wrote you about the matter and if I mistake not Benvenuti sent you the first letter we received before I left for Winnipeg. When your ~~xxxx~~ Special delivery reached me Dec. 14th it was already too late for he was evidently deported before Cohen wrote his man. It is terrible how helpless one is if one has not legal help at once. I hope and pray there will be no repetition of this pitiful case. Please, please impress HAM with the situation here which excludes any business dealings.....

Fraternally.

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Dearest Fitz.

At last my mail was released. It was held exactly six weeks. In the batch delivered yesterday afternoon were 19 letters, some from Nov. 26th. Yours of Dec. 17th was among them. Then to day I received yours of Dec. 27th. I think the one of Dec. 17th was the one you sent to Winnipeg and which was forwarded here. Anyhow you can imagine how anxious and worried I was not receiving a line from any one or any further contribution to the Defense Fund. I did get two letters from the States addressed to Emma Goldman and one or two letters from England. But ALL mail to E.G. Colton was withheld. I explained all this in my letter which a friend took with her and promised to forward from Buffalo or Boston. Well, it is funny that honest to god Majesty's subject and good old Scotch name Colton should live to be suspected of anything subversive while the "most dangerous woman in the world" as one of the Windsor papers called me should have become respectable in the eyes of the powers that be. At least that is the impression given my attourney when he asked that my mail be released at last. "There was nothing the matter about E.G. but E.G. Colton is mysterious getting so many letters and checks and money orders". How I wish the latter were true. I would not have to beg and humiliate myself so much to secure the fund for the defense. Well, there is no saying about the ways of those in power. Is there?

Darling Alavano may have assured you that his local had voted "hundred percent help for A.B. But so far not a cent from any union has come to me, or anyone else connected with me in the fight for A.B. Neither have I heard from any local or joint board of the International. Of course they are not really bound to help AB because he has always opposed the unions. But common decency and a fellow feeling with their own as Italiens should have induced them to act, not merely with a measely hundred dollars but with much more. Yet they have done nothing at the New York end and also not here. I know nothing about the veracity of the Italiens you saw but the one here, whose name is Palermo did not impress me very much. However he told me Balanco was coming tomorrow and that he would let me know when I might see him. One would imagine Balanco is god almighty by the attitude of these lesser lights in the labor movement. Well, you will see by the inclosed copy to Dominico that I will go to the unions though I would not do so for myself. Arthur is too valuable as a human being and a worker for me to consider my personal feeling to the stuffy and self satisfied labor leaders. But I am quite willing to admit that they are that. I will see Balanca I hope it will do some good.

I cannot however appeal to Tresca though I will write him a line. No, I do not care about the L'Adunato people, they are bigots and narrow minded to the highest degree. But I cannot approach Tresca behind Arthurs back. He refused point blank to have anything to do with Carlo. He too is a strange mixture. He is very big in his attitude to human motivations, he is generosity personified, he spends next to nothing on himself, gives away his earnings as a very skilled mechanic but he hates to accept anything especially from someone who is not of sterling quality in his ideologic professions. His objection to Carlo is mainly that when he wrote him in behalf of some Italiens in trouble and asked for a mailing list

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I had failed to answer his request. It is a foolish and lame excuse but what can we do with such stubbornness? You and I know how Sasha used to be in some cases. His namesake A.B. in this city is a sort of a younger Sasha, not as profound and able a man but of the same fine nature and large spirit. Anyhow I am writing Carlo but I will not ask him for help. If the Italian trade unionists will not contribute without the O.K. of Carlo we will have to go without their help.

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Dearest Fitz you must take care of yourself. You know how close to the end you were when you had contracted pneumonia. Do you mean to say you are in a cold office, or not warmly enough clad. Let me know and please please take care of yourself. Yes dearest this poverty is awful, and the world one wholesale butchery. Indeed, indeed if Spain had been helped Fascism and Nazism would be dead, and so would every form of dictatorship. But Spain was permitted to bleed to death. And since then thousands of the refugees are permitted to perish. It is all so frightful. Yet one must go on if only to justify ones existence.

Give my love to Pauline and to Emil tell P. my mail has at last been released.

With much love.

Emma

Dearest I know you have done what you can with the Italiens, but you know yourself that to get labor leaders to act one must keep after them constantly, and since you could not take a full time job it was grand what you did. You remember how we worked for Sasha? It took just five months to get Labor on its feet and we could raise money then. Anyhow you have done what you could in this cases here.

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295 Vaughan Rd.,
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Jan. 12, 1940

Dearest Fitz:

At last my mail was released. It was held exactly six weeks. In the batch delivered yesterday Jan. 13th consisting of 19 letters some from Nov. 26th. Also included among them were yours of Dec. 17th and Dec. 27th. I think the one of Dec. 17th was the one you sent to Winnipeg and was forwarded here. Anyhow you can imagine how anxious and worried I was not receiving a line from any one or any further contribution to the Defence Fund. I did get two letters from the States addressed to Emma Goldman and one or two letters from England. But ALL mail to E.G. Colton was withheld. I explained all this in my letter which a friend took with her and promised to forward from Buffalo or Boston. Well, it is funny that the honest to god, His Majesty's subject and good old Scotch name Colton should live to be suspected of anything subversive while the "most dangerous woman in the world", as one of the Windsor papers called me, should have become respectable in the eyes of the powers that be. At least that is the impression given my attorney when he asked that my mail be released. "There was nothing the matter about E.G., but E.G. Colton is mysterious, getting so many letters and cheques and money orders." How I wish the letter were true. I would not have to beg and humiliate myself so much to secure the fund for the defence. Well, there is no saying about the ways of those in power. Is there?

Darling, Alvaro may have assured you that his local had voted "hundred percent. help for A.B." But so far not a cent from any union has come to me, or anyone else connected with me in the fight for A.B. Neither have I heard from any local or joint board of the International. Of course, they are not really bound to help A.B. because he has always opposed the leaders of unions. But common decency and a fellow feeling with their own as Italians should have induced them to act, not merely with a measly hundred dollars, but with much more. Yet they have done nothing at the New York end and also not here. I know nothing about the veracity of the Italians you saw, but the one here, whose name is Palermo, did not impress me very much. However, he told me Balanco was coming tomorrow and that he would let me know when I might see him. One would imagine Balanco is god almighty by the attitude of these lesser lights in the labour movement. Well, you will see by the enclosed copy to Dominico that I will go to the unions, though I would not do so for myself. Arthur is too valuable as a human being and a worker for me to consider my personal attitude to the stuffy and self-satisfied labour leaders.

I cannot, however, appeal to Treson, though I will write him a line. No, I do not care about the L'Adonate people. They are bigots and narrow minded to the highest degree. But I cannot approach Treson behind Arthur's back. He refused point blank to have anything to do with Carlo. He, too, is a strange mixture. He is very big in his attitude to human motivations, he is generosity personified, he spends next to nothing on himself, gives all his earnings as a very skilled mechanic, but he hates to accept anything especially from someone who is not of sterling quality in his ideological pretension. His objection to Carlo is mainly that when he wrote him in behalf of some Italians in trouble and asked for a mailing list, Carlo had failed to answer his request. It is a foolish and lame excuse but what can one do with such stubbornness? You and I know how Sasha used to be in some cases. His namesake A.B. in this city is a sort of a younger Sasha, not as profound

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Emma a Carlo

Toronto, 14 Gennaio 1940

Caro Carlo:

Voi dovete aver rinunciato a me come ad una causa perduta per non avervi scritto per tanto lungo tempo. Ma voi sapete l'adagio che se uno vive in una casa di vetro non deve tirar sassi attorno a sé perché potrebbe anche rompere le finestre proprie. Mi piacerebbe sapere se voi ricordate che sono più di due anni da che voi mi avete scritto l'ultima volta. Neppure quando sono arrivata al Canada ho ricevuto un vostro saluto. Eppure voi dovevete aver saputo che io sono qui. Sì, voi avete firmato con Margaret gli auguri per il mio anniversario. Io l'ho apprezzato molto, non c'è bisogno di dirlo, ma voi dovrete ammettere che questo non poteva essere considerato il sostituto di una lettera che voi mi dovevate da tanto tempo. Comunque, abbiamo cominciato un Anno Nuovo, ed io spero con nuovi propositi. E questo è il perché io vi scrivo anche se sembra che voi mi abbiate dimenticato. Spero che voi siate stato sempre bene e pieno di energia come sempre.

Quanto a me, non c'è molto da dire eccetto che sono stata bene e molto occupata durante le ultime quattordici settimane con diversi amici Italiani che erano stati oggetto di un "frameup" da parte dei fascisti di questa città e forse anche della polizia. Il tentativo fallì per quanto riguarda l'arresto originale e le imputazio-

ni. La messa in istato d'accusa venne ritirata. Ma abbiamo ancora due amici dei quali le Autorità di Immigrazione sarebbero ben liete di disfarsi. Noi speriamo che non riusciranno nell'intento. Sono ben contenta di poter affermare che dopo quattordici settimane e dopo considerevolissimi sforzi da parte dell'Avvocato, al nostro buon compagno Arturo Bortolotti fu concesso il "bail" dietro garanzia di \$1.000 in contanti, che i suoi fedeli compagni di qui e di Detroit riuscirono a raccogliere. Al presente egli sta godendosi un ben meritato e necessario riposo, ma non si può prevedere quanto a lungo gli potrà essere concesso questo privilegio. Come vedete le fate che mi vegliano, si prendono ben cura che io non resti inoperosa per lungo tempo. Per il resto, non vi è nulla che si possa fare qui fin che dura la guerra. Le autorità Canadesi sembra che siano molto più patriottiche che quelle della madre patria. Le condizioni stanno diventando ogni giorno più reazionarie. Sarò ben lieta di ricevere altri vostri scritti, caro Carlo. La mia corrispondenza è stata trattenuta per sei settimane e rilasciatami soltanto l'11 di questo mese. Ciò non di meno voi potete continuare a scrivermi. Date i miei saluti affettuosi a Margaret e tutti i migliori auguri per questo nuovo anno.

Con la mia vecchia amicizia
EMMA GOLDMAN

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January 14, 1940.

Dear David Dubinsky:

I am writing you at the suggestion of our mutual friend, Rose Pesotta. In one of her recent letters she informed me that she had talked to you about the "Emma Goldman Testimonial Fund" for the rescue of the Spanish refugees from the French concentration camps. This Testimonial Fund had its birth in Toronto at a small banquet arranged by my comrades and friends with the participation of some laboring Ring branches and the following Trade Unions: The Joint Board of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, The Joint Board of the United Clothing Workers, Local 219 United Clothing Workers. Their contributions were small, but they made up with a fine solidarity spirit.

The Testimonial Fund was to have similar banquets on a larger scale in most of the principal cities of America. Unfortunately, the war put a stop to these good intentions of my American friends and to a great deal more.

Rose had also suggested to me that I should send you names and addresses, as well as particulars of the Spanish refugees for whom the Testimonial Fund was intended. I am sorry to say that I am unable to give you these at the present writing. My last letter to the friends in Paris in charge of the relief for Spanish Refugees has not been answered. I, therefore, do not think it wise to keep writing them until I hear from them again. However, I am in touch with the comrades in France, and also in Mexico, who are helping the Spanish refugees fortunate enough to escape the dreadful camps. The venture in France was inaugurated by Pedro Herreras of the former National Confederation of Labour (CNT). A letter from him under date of November 2nd contains the following:

"I am very happy to learn that you approve of my initiative to set our peasants in the old Continent. That work has been my worry for months. However, despite the fact that everybody recognizes the benefit of such work both for the individuals themselves and for the country authorizing it, the administrative difficulties have multiplied and they can be only partly overcome. That has put a limit to my projects and the loss of a good part of the capital that had to be used in the "entertainment" of very few co-operators. (Probably he uses the French term "entretien" meaning maintenance or support.) (Translator) To complete the picture there come the present events in Europe. However, those who succeeded in arriving at the estate destined to become the first co-operative, some 42 of us, are working with enthusiasm and great hope. Their behavior has aroused the sympathy of the French neighbors living around and has conquered for them the respect of the administration. They have tilled all the arable land of the property, which is about (the arable land) 125 hectares and have

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begun the raising of animals to use on the grazing lands, and poultry. The difficulties above set forth will make it necessary for financial aid to them in a greater degree than estimated at the beginning until such time as they can produce enough for themselves. Therefore, your promises are very much appreciated by me and I shall be very pleased to have your sympathies inclined to help these brave peasants who so ardently are devoted to creative work.

"In order to save time and red tape, if you have decided and have any funds for the above work, you may send it direct to the current account that the Co-operative has, to the name of the manager, Mr. Rambaud, Compte No. 23,597 Credit Lyonnais, Cahors (Lot), France. Of course, you will notify me immediately of any remittance, so that I may know just how things stand."

I wanted terribly to send them a substantial amount, but I was only able to send \$50.00 to the manager, Mr. Rambaud.

A recent letter from Mexico in French you will find enclosed herewith. (Please return the letter, as I have no carbon copy of it.) This letter, as well as the one from Merexras, will show you that the Spanish workers and peasants while temporarily defeated can never be conquered. No sooner do they get to a place where they are permitted to breathe, they immediately set to work to create new life and new interest for themselves. If ever there are people who love liberty sufficiently to struggle for it, live it in their daily relationships and even die for it, the Spanish workers and peasants have demonstrated that they stand at the highest peak.

Dear David Dubinsky, I understand that you still have a substantial sum left from the large amount of monies your organization has collected for the Spanish workers and peasants during their struggle in Spain and after when they reached the French camps. You probably do not know that your generous and solidaric help did not reach the most libertarian sectors of the Loyalist front. Stalin's henchmen saw to that. In fact, their discrimination was so scandalous it cried to the very heavens. But, then, the story about the activities of the Communists, Russian and Spanish, during the war against Fascism has yet to be written. It will make a harrowing chapter. That, however, is beside the mark of this letter. I merely mentioned it that you should know that whatever help you can give the libertarians of the Spanish refugees will now reach them directly. I, therefore, appeal to you to do what you can to help the group of forty-two in the small French town and also the brave refugees who have gained asylum in Mexico. Surely you can put to no better use whatever sum you will decide to contribute towards the need of the heroic people who are making such a gallant effort to get on their feet again and to recreate new interests for themselves and their families.

You can, of course, if you so desire, send your contribution directly to the bank in France and to Canton Canut. By the way, Radovitsky is the man who was given twenty years prison in the Argentine in connection with a strike before the war. Shortly after his release he came to Spain where I met him. He is one of the heroic figures from the rank and file, very little known and unsung, deserving of absolute confidence. You can, therefore, rest assured that any money sent to these comrades will be used for the purpose intended and nothing else. A letter from him under date of December 20th tells me that new contingent of Spanish refugees has arrived in

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Mexico and that they have already joined the group which has started a Co-operative venture on the land as well as in factories of various trades.

Dear David Dubinsky, I am sure you will see, after you have read the letters, that help is urgently needed. I, therefore, beg you not to delay in sending the contribution and to make it as substantial as possible.

With all good wishes for the New Year,

P. S. -- If you prefer, you can send the contribution to me for the "Emma Goldman Testimonial Fund to Rescue Spanish Refugees." Any way you will decide will be satisfactory to me, if only help will be forthcoming without much delay.

Sincerely yours,

Pedro Ferrer's address is - 18 Rue de la Liberte, Saint Raphael, France.

The address of the two comrades in Mexico is - Dr. Raul Gomez Sanvedra, Apartado de Correos n. 9090, Mexico, D.F. - Simon Redovitzky goes under this name. You can also reach Danton Canut under the same address.

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Dearest Fitz, here is a copy of my letter to Tresca. If, as a result of it, he offers to do something, that is his business. But I cannot ask him to help. Arthur is simply not in a condition to be driven to consent that I ask Tresca's help. He seems to have gone through a perfect hell in the jail here and he is frightfully run down. I want him to enjoy rest and peace for there is no saying how long he will be able to do so. By the way, the one positive thing that Balanco promised is to help with some country in South America where Arthur might go, if he is permitted to choose a place. That is something.

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You must have given me up as a lost soul not having written you for so long. But you know the saying, if one sits in a glass house he shouldn't throw stones about him they may crack his own windows. I wonder whether you remember that it is more than two years since you wrote me last. Not even when I reached Canada did I get a greeting from you. Yet you must have known that I am here. Yaxx, Yes, you joined Margaret in an anniversary greeting. I appreciated that, of course. But you will admit that this was no substitute for a letter which you owed me for so long. However, we have started a New Year and I hope with new intentions. That is why I decided to write you even if you do seem to have cast me out. I hope you have been well and kicking as ever. Fizzi suggested, or rather transmitted a suggestion from one of your friends that I should ask you whether you wear your beard long or short. So you see even your beard has become of state importance. I am glad people can still crack a joke. For everything looks very bleak, indeed, to me.

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Dearest Milly: I wrote a letter to Jeanne Levey asking her to let you see it and also the inclosures. But not knowing whether she is still there I sent the letter to May which of course will mean a delay before the letter reaches Jeanne if she is still in Los Angeles. Anyway I have decided to write you a few lines and inclose copies of my letters in re the stoppage of my mail for six weeks and all about Arthur whom we got ~~xxxxxxx~~ out on four thousand cash bail.

I am also inclosing copy of my letter to Tresca and to Dubinsky about support of our Spanish comrades. I do not know whether it will help or not. If you are still in Los Angeles and you can see Rose P. let her read the Dubinsky letter. It was her suggestion and she asked me for a copy.

I am bitterly disappointed in her that she has done absolutely nothing for the defense of Arthur and the others. Not even a personal contribution has she made. This is the more surprising because Rose has always contributed when appealed to. Why she was so indifferent to Arthur's plight I cannot understand. She met him here and she knows what a splendid comrade he is. ~~Rox~~ People are so strange in their action. Well, we have finished with the first etappe of the fight. I paid our lawyer ~~or~~ the last \$200 of the 1500 his fee represented. Now comes the real fight to save Arthur from deportation and the other comrade from being sent back to Belgium whence he came. We hope they will give him permission to choose a country that would let him in. We will still need another thousand dollars. I have no idea where to get it. The Italiens and Spaniards have been an inspiration. Imagine, penny by penny the Italiens in this city and Detroit raised the four thousand cash for bail. The Italiens have actually contributed \$600 odd dollars for the defense and the SIA in New York four hundred, and the same comrades in Detroit and Chicago another hundred. I hate like hell to appeal to them again, but I must do it. I cannot let matters drop now that so much has been accomplished. Listen dearest, on your way back from Calif will you please make some more appeals. I am sure it will bring something. Please do.

Yesterday one of the woman comrades gave a bridge party and raised \$31.29 for my Spanish Fund. It is so little. But it gave me the idea to approach some of the women who have been at the party to each one arrange a similar affair. I never thought I will have to attend bridge parties. But I would do much more for our wonderful Spaniards.

At last I got a letter from Mollie dated Nov 23th. I inclose it here. This about Michaelis is awful. It was deliberate suicide to return to Spain. He could have ended his life in Paris. I knew him well and loved him as one of the finest among the German comrades who took part in the battle. Well, it is all so terrible, the sacrifices, all in vain. Mollie seems still to be ill. If only something would come out of the venture to get them to Mexico. Rose P. sent me ~~xxx~~ copies of her correspondence with Abrams. He seems to be sure of getting visas for our dear ones. Meanwhile I wrote to Radovitzky to see whether the Mexican comrades would not be willing to help with visas. I know he will see them and write without delay. It might help in case Abrams fails. I understand that the ORT in Paris will pay their transportation if they should be

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admitted to bail. But even so they will need some money to live until they have adjusted themselves in Mexico. As I have already written you whoever is collecting funds for our beloved children Mollie and Senia I will contribute \$25. So let me know if you are doing it or Rosa or who else. I hope when they get to Mexico they can get in touch with Diego Rivera. I am sure as an artist he would help Senia establish himself. Once the rotten Stalin gang could not give Rivera enough praise. Now he has also fallen under their ban. There is a scurrilous attack on him in the Nation. The rotten sheet still stands between and betwixt in Russia.

The European tragedy grows deeper and deeper. To think that we will be called upon to express sympathy with White Finland when such people as Hoover and other such humanitarians have taken to their bosom. To read the how and cry about the needs of Finland makes one see red in view of the indifference to the gallant struggle of Spain. Not one of the people who are now falling over each other to come to the rescue of Finland had raised a finger to help Spain. Of course we know why. In Spain the Spanish workers and peasants fought for their liberation and the liberation in the whole world of Fascism. In Finland it is the government that is fighting to retain its power, all under the disguise of "national independence". All the money raised goes to the government not to the people. Of course the Finnish government is close to all the other governments. Some of them have large material interests in Finland. And yet, and yet one cannot get away from the deastardly act of Stalin having invaded Finland thus sacrificing Russian and Finnish. Stalin's mad ~~persecution~~ pursuit for power. What a dreadful come down, what a debacle of all ideas and ideals.

Well, my dear how did Rudolf fare? Were his lectures attended did they bring him something substantial? Surely the comrades have realized that one cannot live only by air. I hope you and R. will leave the Coast with some security. Give R. my love and take some for yourself.

Emma

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January 14, 1940.

Dear David Dubinsky:

I am writing you at the suggestion of our mutual friend, Rose Pesotta. In one of her recent letters she informed me that she had talked to you about the "Emma Goldman Testimonial Fund" for the rescue of the Spanish refugees from the French concentration camps. This Testimonial Fund had its birth in Toronto at a small banquet arranged by my comrades and friends with the participation of some Arbeiter Ring branches and the following Trade Unions: The Joint Board of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, The Joint Board of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, Local 219 Amalgamated Clothing Workers. Their contributions were small, but they made up with a fine solidaric spirit.

The Testimonial Fund was to have similar banquets on a larger scale in most of the principal cities of America. Unfortunately, the war put a stop to these good intentions of my American friends and to a great deal more.

Rose had also suggested to me that I should send you names and addresses, as well as particulars of the Spanish refugees for whom the Testimonial Fund was intended. I am sorry to say that I am unable to give you these at the present writing. My last letter to the friends in Paris in charge of the Relief for Spanish Refugees has not been answered. I, therefore, do not think it wise to keep writing them until I hear from them again. However, I am in touch with the comrades in France, and also in Mexico, who are helping the Spanish refugees fortunate enough to escape the dreadful camps. The venture in France was inaugurated by Pedro Hererras of the former National Confederation of Labour (CNT). A letter from him under date of November 2nd contains the following:

"I am very happy to learn that you approve of my initiative to set our peasants in the old Continent. That work has been my worry for months. However, despite the fact that everybody recognizes the benefit of such work both for the individuals themselves and for the country authorizing it, the administrative difficulties have multiplied and they can be only partly overcome. That has put a limit to my projects and the loss of a good part of the capital that had to be used in the "entertainment" of very few co-operators. (Probably he uses the French term "entretienement" meaning maintenance or support.) (Translator) To complete the picture there came the present events in Europe. However, those who succeeded in arriving at the estate destined to become the first co-operative, some 42 of us, are working with enthusiasm and great hope. Their behavior has aroused the sympathy of the French neighbors living around and has conquered for them the respect of the administration. They have tilled all the arable land of the property, which is about (the arable land) 225 hectares and have

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begun the raising of animals to use up the grazing lands, and poultry. The difficulties above set forth will make it necessary for financial aid to them in a greater degree than estimated at the beginning until such time as they can produce enough for themselves. Therefore, your promises are very much appreciated by me and I shall be very pleased to have your sympathies inclined to help these brave peasants who so ardently are devoted to creative work.

"In order to save time and red tape, if you have decided and have any funds for the above work, you may send it direct to the current account that the Co-operative has, to the name of the manager, Mr. Rambeud, Compte No. 23,597 Credit Lyonnais, Cahors (Lot), France. Of course, you will notify me immediately of any remittance, so that I may know just how things stand."

I wanted terribly to send them a substantial amount, but I was only able to send \$50.00 to the manager, Mr. Rambeud.

A recent letter from Mexico in French you will find enclosed herewith. (Please return the letter, as I have no carbon copy of it.) This letter, as well as the one from Herreras, will show you that the Spanish workers and peasants while temporarily defeated can never be conquered. No sooner do they get to a place where they are permitted to breathe, they immediately set to work to create new life and new interest for themselves. If ever there were a people who love liberty sufficiently to struggle for it, live it in their daily relationships and even die for it, the Spanish workers and peasants have demonstrated that they stand at the highest peak.

Dear David Dubinsky, I understand that you still have a substantial sum left from the large amount of monies your organization has collected for the Spanish workers and peasants during their struggle in Spain and after when they reached the French camps. You probably do not know that your generous and solidario help did not reach the most libertarian sectors of the Loyalist front. Stalin's henchmen saw to that. In fact, their discrimination was so scandalous it cried to the very heavens. But, then, the story about the activities of the Communists, Russian and Spanish, during the war against Fascism has yet to be written. It will make a harrowing chapter. That, however, is beside the mark of this letter. I merely mentioned it that you should know that whatever help you can give the libertarians of the Spanish refugees will now reach them directly. I, therefore, appeal to you to do what you can to help this group of forty-two in the small French town and also the brave refugees who have gained asylum in Mexico. Surely you can put to no better use whatever sum you will decide to contribute towards the need of the heroic people who are making such a gallant effort to get on their feet again and to recreate new interests for themselves and their families.

You can, of course, if you so desire, send your contribution directly to the bank in France and to Canton Genut. By the way, Redovitsky is the man who was given twenty years prison in the Argentine in connection with a strike before the war. Shortly after his release he came to Spain where I met him. He is one of the heroic figures from the rank and file, very little known and unsung, deserving of absolute confidence. You can, therefore, rest assured that any money sent to these comrades will be used for the purpose intended and nothing else. A letter from him under date of December 20th tells me that new contingent of Spanish refugees has arrived in

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a cooperative venture on the line as well as in histories of various

from David Goldman. I am sure you will see after you
read the letter that help is urgently needed. I therefore
urge you to delay in sending my contribution and to make it as
expedient as possible.

With all good wishes for the New Year.

P. S. -- If you prefer, you can send the contribution to me for the
"Emma Goldman Testimonial Fund to Rescue Spanish Refugees." Any way
you will decide will be satisfactory to me, if only help will be
forthcoming without much delay.

Sincerely yours,

Pedro Mererres address is - 16 Rue de la Liberte, Saint Raphael,
France.

The address of the two comrades in Mexico is - Sr. Raul Gomez Saavedra,
Apartado de Correos n. 9090, Mexico, D.F. Simon Radevitzky goes under
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Dearest Bunya, dear Jasha.

Jasha's letter of Jan. 3rd reached me together with other delayed mail Jan. 11th. The explanation for it you will find in the inclosed copy of a letter to a ~~comrade~~ friend of mine. My mail was released and among them were letters ~~xxx~~ dated as far back as the 26th of Nov and early Dec. After the release they kept coming for a day or too, but on Saturday they stopped again. And no words has reached me from anybody since. It looks as if this will happen again and again during the period of the war. I therefore suggest if you write me again use a double envelops and address the outside Mrs Dien Meelis, the same address.

You will see by the inclosed that we finally succeeded in getting A.B. out ^{or} four thousand cash bail. I must say the Italians have proven most wonderful solidarity. The Detroit group raised \$1671 lent penny by penny. And two thousand here also lent by poor people. I confess, I find that only the Latins have a real, profound feeling of solidarity. As to our Jewish comrades they have disappointed me this time as never before. Not a cent came in in response to my appeal in the Fr. Arb. Stimme. And the comrades here have contributed very little. The one thing they have done was to send out an appeal to all Arb. Ring branches for which Paskin sent them seven hundred addresses. A little is coming in now so that is something. But it is left to the Spanish and Italian comrades to contribute generously. Last week I was able to make good the last \$200 of the \$1500 comprising the fee of our attorney. But this end is not yet. ~~xxxxxx~~ another thousand will be necessary at least to finish the fight. Last Sunday one of the women comrades gave a bridge party and raised nearly 30 dollars. ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ That was for my Testimonial Fund for the Spanish refugees. It occurred to me to ask you dearest Bunya whether you could not do a thing like that. You know so many people, and your dear mother is such an artist in baking I know she would be glad to help with a tea or a bridge party. I see you smile that E.G. is interested in cards. I am not, in fact I know nothing about any game, and I am usually bored to death when I come anywhere ~~xxxxxx~~ place where cards are played. But there are few things I would not do to help the Spanish refugees or to save our Italian comrades.

I wonder how you are feeling my dear, I was shocked to hear that you had again been ill. Yet I am not surprised you are a bundle of nervous energy doing so many things in rush and hurry. I do hope you are feeling better. Of course I do not mean you should undertake a tea or anything else for the suffering Spanish refugees unless you feel well enough.

Thank you my dear for disposing of two copies of L.M.L. If you get any further orders let me know and I will supply the books. I wonder whether the Film Mr Smith Goes to Washington has already come to your city, and the Hunchback of Notre Dame? If they do come you two must not fail to see them, especially Mr Smith. It is a most amazing satire on the American Senate and A. political corruption in general.

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Dear Jasha I wonder if you have seen the I.W.W. boys again, Jeffris especially. I wrote him but have received no reply. I wonder why. Will you find out and let me know. Also Garvin, I sent him as a Christmas gift a copy of Rudolf's SIX, I thought he might make use of it in his lectures. I am rather anxious to know whether it reached him. Yes, I also wrote him, but there was no answer. Tell him to write me using a double envelope and also Jeffris and address the letters to Mrs Meelis.

With affectionate greetings to both of you.

Emma Goldman

Dear Bunya greet your mother kindly and all the friends I met.

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Jan. 17th. 1940.

Dear E.G.

In reply to your letters of the 9th and of the 12th. It would have been wasted time to try to call us by telephone at the office, since ^{none} of us is there at any established time, except on Wednesday morning. As for us calling you it seemed wasted money because nothing would be said that cannot be said more leisurely in a letter. Therefore we thought we had better write.

It is good to know that Arthur is free at last. As I said in my preceding letter, the money I had told you had been sent by telegram, was mailed instead by airmail. I hope you have received it already. Meanwhile here is a detailed list of the remittances that have been made by us:

October 11th. \$ 50; November 8th. \$ 100.; November 24th. \$ 18.85; December 16th. \$ 86.87 ; December 30th. \$ 100. Herewith enclosed check dated January 12th. in your name for \$ 100. (Total \$ 455.72, sent by us to you for the defense of Arthur and the others arrested with him).

We noticed that something must have been wrong with the delivery of your correspondence at the end of December when our Bank failed to return the paid check dated Dec. 16th. as it should have done.

Now this seems to have been settled and of course we feel relieved both on our and on your account as I imagine that you also feel more at ease knowing you can meet your obligations concerning the defense of our friends.

It is sorrowful that Hernandez could not be helped, but it is more shameful that he should be deported the way he has been deported without giving him a chance to be helped. He must have been trying to find a refuge from persecutions which are so widespread in the old continent and certainly in this new world there must have been room somewhere for a newcomer. As for the union leader you name, we leave everything up to you, since we do not know whether or what he can or is willing to do to help.

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Jan 18th 1940

My dear Comrade. I have just this minute received your Special Delivery letter with check for one hundred dollars inclosed. When I ask you to call me on the phone I thought I would now something definite about Ark Arthurs hearing. But you were right not to do it as we cannot be too economical with money so many comrades needing help and assistance. I asked about your phone for emergency. But since you are not in your place at certain times I will not use it.

Dear comrade, thanks for the check for \$100 inclosed in yours of yesterday. I am sorry to say that no check dated Dec. 30 has reached me. It was just the time when my mail was being held up. When it was released I received a check from you for \$86.87 in a letter written by hand and undated. Now here are the different sums I have received for the fight here. Oct. 12/39 \$50. ~~Qzxxx~~ Nov. 9th \$100. Nov 25th \$18.85. Dec 14th \$86.87. and \$100 dated Jan. 12th which reached me just now. The total is therefore \$355.75. As you see the \$100 you sent Dec. 30th did not reach me. I hope you can hold it up in the Bank as I have no way of tracing it since my mail was held up and there is no saying how many more letters were kept back, or lost.

I had hoped that once my mail will be released I would get letters regularly. But no such luck. Since last Friday I have received not a word from anybody. That means my mail is again held up. Strangely to say your Special delivery letter have always arrived. I wonder how you sent the check Dec. 30th. In any event I have decided to use a few cover addresses. For instance you can use two envelopes, put only E. on the inside and address the outside to Mrs Dien Meelis at the above address. I will see how this works. If not I will send you another address, ~~ixx~~ but we first must test the ~~address~~ name of comrade D. Meelis. Please write me by return mail. By the way this will be mailed in New York. A comrade is leaving tomorrow and is taking this along.

I had an awful fright from Arthur. As I wrote you we got him out a very sick man with a high temperature. I begged him to remain in my flat so I might doctor him up. Well he did not. The result is that he had to take to his bed yesterday and will have to remain for some time. I was really frightened yesterday as his temp was 103, but I just heard it has gone down and Arthur feels better. Well, I have a doctor friend attending him so I hope he will not let him budge until he is well. I am going to see him to Bonvanutis place they have no phone so I must go to see Arthur. I will add a line when I return.

Dear comrade I just this minute received a package of letters which were evidently released. Among them were two short scribs from you undated, one asking about the ~~xxx~~ \$86.87 and one with the check of hundred dollars dated Dec. 30th inclosed. So all is well now. Moreover, I think we better not change addresses and continue to use my name and address. True I will probably always have to wait a week or so as my lett

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will most likely have continued to be held up and censored. But evidently the authorities will not take as much time as last time. So that's all right. I am afraid if mail comes to other addresses and my mail stops the gang will become suspicious. So let's leave it as it was. Your letters sent by air mail or special deliver has been coming anyhow.

I must stop for the present and dress to go to Arthur.

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Dearest Fitz. I am desperate. My mail is again being held up and I have no idea when it will be released. I must therefore have you and my ~~writ~~ other friends write me to a cover address. It will have to be more than one because the authorities will become suspicious when someone else will receive many letters who hitherto received few. So here are a few addresses. Miss Milly Desser 759 Bathurst Street, Mrs Sadie Langbord 323 Palmerston Blvd. Mrs Dien Meelis 295 Vaughan. This will do for the present. Tell the people whom you must call up for me that they must use double envelope the one inside can have just the letter E. Nothing else, the outside addressed to Miss Milly Desser 759 Bathurst Street. I am writing Stella and H.W. how to address me. Please call up the ~~Freie Arb. Stimme~~, or ~~Freedman~~ and tell him to use double envelope and to address the outside to Joe Desser 759 Bathurst Street All of T Toronto.

I wonder if you have already written me, if so the letter is in Ottawa. If your letter contained any more encouraging news from the Italiens write me again to Mr. Dien Meelis and the above address. See If Belanco has done anything and where is the 100/00 assistance promised by the local Alvano, Poor Arthur, after 14 weeks in a dreadful jail he is now laid up with a very bad cold and last night his temperature was 103,5/10 You can imagine how worried I am.

This will be dropped in a New York letter box Saturday someone who is going from here will attend to it.

With love.

arler,

Emma

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While I was waiting for you and
other my mail arrived. It looks
as if this will continue all winter
be war. But as long as it really
mean waiting only a week or so
so I shall not mind. Still if
you have anything important
to communicate, use the address
envelope, be outside. addressed
to Mrs. Ben Meelis to 295 Vaughan
Rd.

With love.
E.

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My dear Emma, I wish you forgive me for not writing. You are so young, so energetic, so active! One never knows where Emma is fighting England, Spain, France, Canada. And to think that I am very, very hard of fellow on corresponding. I let Margaret do it for me in our relations with you. We don't forget you, Emma! We sent a telegram when we knew Emma was in Toronto. We sent one at your birthday. And we waited on working at our desire to have you back in U.S. and, if the desire remain whole, the reason is not in the lack of our effort in getting it materialize. We have nagged and nagged everybody we know in Washington and New York. Margaret is in despair about it and she is still working. The war situation has made the things more difficult than ever. I know very well that you are sitting on a volcano and many times I long of you with appreciation.

I have followed the Bertolotti case very closely and with comrade interest. The first one who came to see me about the case was the young editor of Vanguard and is comrade. That very brave comrade Clara Frelautau. At first, under emotional impulse, I promised to them to do what I have ever done: to do all in my power to do to help. After a second thought, I decided to do just as much as any comrade do in such circumstances. I contributed to the fund for defence. I told Sidney Solomon in plain words that I decided to keep my impulse emotion below zero. Very sorry for Bertolotti. I think that a so well fellow and comrade. But in the past I had experienced very sad ingratitude from the bunch he is associated. You must know the sad story. Of course! You don't believe that I am a spy. And I feel to be sure of myself and I have a personal dignity that go above such things — and it is for this reason that I have never troubled you, my dear Emma, with such unpleasantness.

Bertolotti is very well defended; with you shoulder to shoulder to him he can feel that defence is in good hands. And — after all I am human — if you, you my dear Emma, call on me do so with easy feelings: your call is always a command for me. My best wishes to you, till then, for the new year.

Affectionately yours

Carlo Tresca

IL MARTELLO

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Emma Goldman

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TORONTO Jan. 22nd 40
ONTARIO

Dear Comrade, Your letter of the 3th inst. reached me very much delayed owing to the fact that my mail is being held for very thorough scrutiny in Ottawa. In fact at one session I had not a single letter in six weeks. Then it was released and a huge package of mail delivered some being dated Nov. 26th, early Dec. etc. Then it was again held up and letters delivered after ten days. Your letter was among these.

I congratulate you on having finally gotten *THE GUILLOTINE AT WORK* off the press. It should make highly interesting reading provided the translation is adequate. I have just been notified that the book has arrived but is in the customs. In view of the fact that Canada is at war it takes many weeks before books sent to me are released. So there is no saying when I can get the book out of the customs. I was about to write and let you know to wait until I might send you an address to Detroit, friends often come here and they could easily bring a few copies along. It's not the ~~xxx~~ duty I mind so much as the awful loss of time. Another thing is that you should have given the name of the society that published the book. Such as the RUSSIAN AID FUND FOR POLITICAL PRISONERS? AND YOU SHOULD HAVE MENTIONED THE FACT THAT THE BOOK IS FOR REVIEW. Well, it is too late now. But bear this in mind when you send copies to other subscribers in Canada.

I have had no lectures in this city since last Sept. and I do not know if I will have any this winter. Since A.B. arrest and the illness of comrade Dorothy Rogers there is no one even to distribute a handbill. Still if you wish you can send me six copies of the book I will try to dispose of them privately. You see the price is too high for the people I meet. Better send the books to Nic Cetalano 297 Englewood Detroit. Write him a line to say he is to hold them for me. And I will write him from here. Then if anyone goes to Windsor they can bring me a copy at the time.

The book should be in great demand now that the mask has been pulled off the lying face of Stalin, but for that a regular distribution company would be needed. My objection to publishing books by groups and comrades has been that they have no way of reaching the reading public. It was different when I had a market in my lecture tours. But without this books remain on the shelves of the comrades. That has happened to Rudolf's books and to Sasha's A.B.C. Nobody knows about it. I only wish I could help, but I do not know how. I am so out of everything I have no way of reaching my former friends or the literary critics I used to know. However, send a review copy specified as such to Dr. Salam Bland 554 Spadina Crescent Toronto. Write him that I suggested him and would he review the work for the Toronto Evening Star. I will call him up to urge him to do it if you will send me the date when the book left Chicago.

In New York I know only one man who will review it for his own magazine the AMERICAN MERCURY, Eugene Lyons. Him too you can write and use my name. You might send it to Mr R.M. Lovett The NEW REPUBLIC 40 East 49th Street. The New Republic with the Nation belongs to the Fallos Travlers who are still squabbling like worms to defend Stalin. If there is one man on the paper who might be big enough to review the book it is Lovett.

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there.

In England our comrade Herbert Read Broom House Seer ^{1/1/40}
Green Beaconsfield England, could do a review for the NEW NATION STATES
MAN, or perhaps some other important paper. Ethel Mannin Oak Cottage
Burghley Rd. London S.W.19 England could review the work for the
NEW LEADER the paper of the Independent ~~State~~ Labor Party. I
know no one else who might or who is sufficiently known as a writer.
By the way, a review copy might be sent to Norman Thomas for the Soci
alist paper. You might get the address from Harry Kelly I do not know
it. Lastly there is the New York Post supposed to be quite Liberal.
I know no one on it. Harpers might also review it. The editor on it
I used to know was Laitton. That was six years ago. I have no idea whether
he is still on the magazine. Just send it to the literary editor
Harpers Magazine. I just discovered that John R. Laitton is still Asa.
editor. You can use my name with him. Another thing, I see John Chamberlain
reviews books for Harpers, perhaps you had better send him the book
c/o Harpers 49 East 33rd Street. New York City.

Dear comrade you will have read my little account and state-
ment in the Freie Arb Stimul last week. Our comrade ~~max~~ is out on
bail but ill in bed for a week. He is frightfully run down and not even
strong enough to attend his hearing Friday. The fight for his safety
has really only began and financial help is most desperately needed.
I know you were absorbed in getting out the book. But now that the main
anxiety is over could you not do something for our fight here? Perhaps
an affair of some sort that would bring some money. Please give this your
attention.

I am looking forward ^{very} eagerly to read the book not only because it is in memory of my dear departed pal but also because comrade Maxi move had written the work and also because of the truth regarding the dreadful betrayal of the Russian people and the Revolution. I hope I will not have to wait long for it to be released from the Customs.

Give comrade Maximov my fraternal and affectionate greetings and congratulate him for me on the completion of the work. Love to Olye. I wonder how they both are.

Greetings to all the comrades, to your family and to yourself.

Emma Goldman

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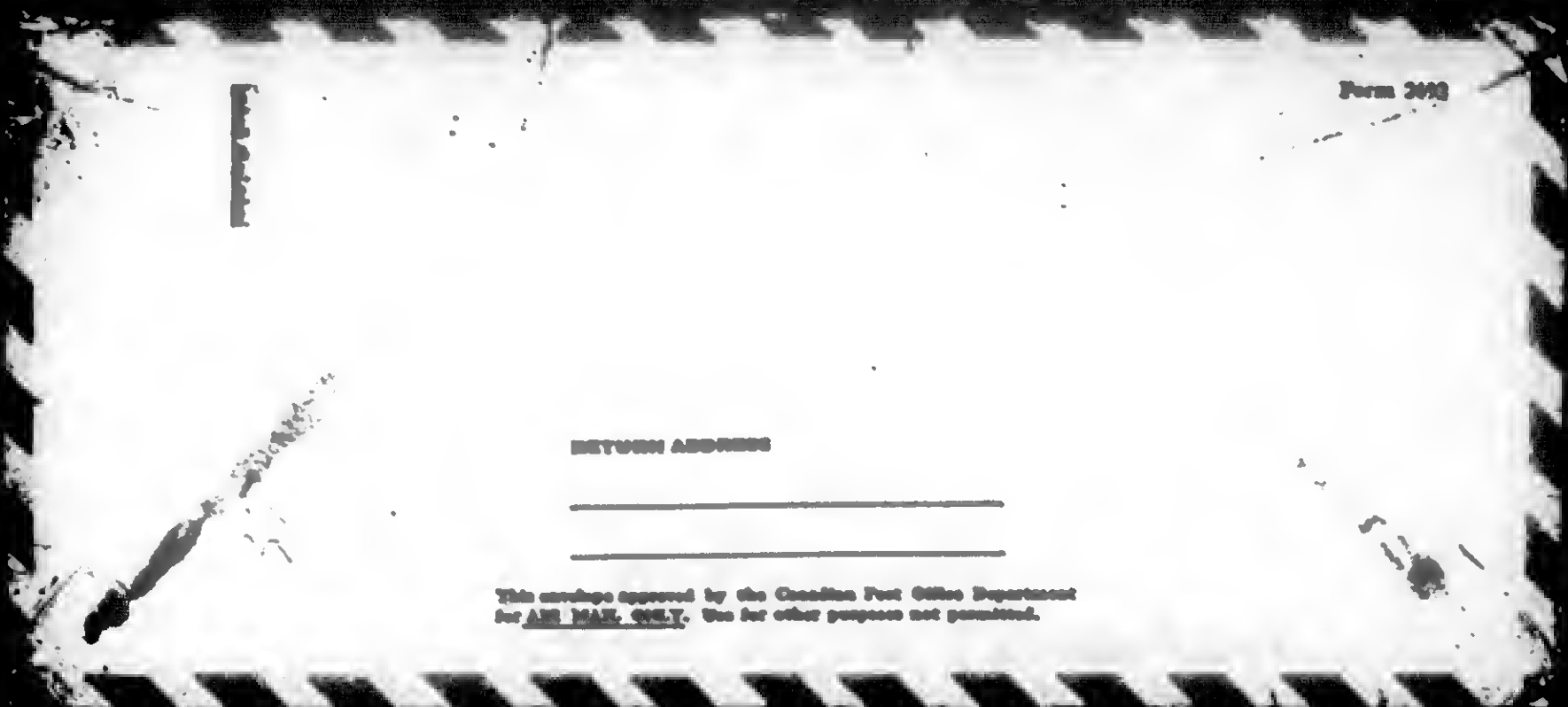
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295 Vaughan Rd.
Toronto Jan. 24th 40

Dear Joe. I hope the Detroit comrades have kept you informed about Arthurs status. Nevetherless I inclose a copy of a statement I have prepared about his condition. He has had a bad time but he is on the road of physical improvement.

Mydear, get the inclosed to Catalano as quickly as possible. I do not know how well he knows English so you had better explain to him when you take the letter that I would like to hear from him at once and that he should write me in a double envelope, the inside blank, the out side addressed to Miss Willy Desser 759 Vaughan Rd. Toronto. She knows what to do with letters inclosed in her envelope. Now is the third time since my mail is held in Ottawa, the first time it took six weeks before I got a single letter. The second time only ten days. Now it is already a week. It is a nuisance but there is nothing I can do to hasten matters.

How have you been? I suppose busy making love. I should not blame you. Times are so drabl and bleak one needs something radiant in ones life. And love should be that, if it is the real thing.

Do write me a line so I know this has reached you.

Fraternally,

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SAVE ARTHUR BORTOLOTTI

The case of Arthur Bortolotti is now reaching its most critical stage. Over three months in jail this comrade has successfully fought back against the trumped-up charges under the War Measures Act, and the ridiculous "revolver" charge. With the effectiveness of the defence measures taken, complete acquittals were secured on these charges.

But the authorities are not to be so easily deprived of their victim, and if anything the failure so far to fasten a conviction on Arthur Bortolotti has only pressed them on with more determination to find other means of dealing with him. Defeated on Criminal Code and War Measures Act charges, the latest and most critical attempt is a charge now laid under the Immigration Act. No particulars are yet available but every indication appears that the attempt now is to destroy, on technical or political grounds, Bortolotti's legal status in Canada so that he may be shipped to Italy to satisfy appetites there.

After a great deal of struggle we have at last been able to obtain Arthur's release, pending the hearing and trial of the immigration charges, upon a cash bail of \$4,000.00 supplied by friends and even mere acquaintances who had learned both to admire Bortolotti's courage and fidelity, and to resent the malice and persistence of police and government authorities. Fourteen weeks unjust confinement in jail, with its wretched fare and almost complete absence of medical facilities, have unfortunately seriously affected Arthur's health. Since his release from jail about two weeks ago he has been almost completely under doctor's care, but every attention is being given him and we hope to have him soon restored to full health.

Valiant support so far has made it possible for us to continue this fight and successfully to save this comrade from a fate surely worse than death, but much more effort will now still be needed so that we can frustrate this last attack upon Arthur Bortolotti. Save Arthur Bortolotti and strike a blow for liberty and freedom!

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Bartolotti

Toronto Jan 25th 40

Dear Roger. After my mail had been held up for 6 weeks and released your letter of Dec. 7th reached me in the batch. I have not answered it because I was waiting to for the hearing of the two comrades who are in the hands of the Immig authorities. Now I have a chance to get word to you through our attourney Mr J.L. Cohen who is leaving for New York to night. He will try to get in touch with you when he reaches his Hotel which will be the Fifth Avenue Hotel. Or he may drop this in a box on his arrival so you can phone him. At all events it is important you should meet Mr Cohen and get from him ~~the~~ details of our cases and their gravity.

Dear Roger please, please do what you can to help the fight we are making to save Bartolotti and Marcos Joaquin from their doom awaiting them in Italy.

If you want to write me use a double envelope, the inside blank, the outside addressed to Mrs. D. Rogers 295 Vaughan Rd. Use a plain envelope.

Affectionately

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[Emma Goldman]

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Toronto Jan. 25th 40

Dear Nic. I sent you a night letter yesterday which no doubt reached you this morning. You can imagine that the situation of M.J has become acute or I would not have consented to the trip of our attorney nor would he have suggested going. It is simply impossible to do anything from here, write details and go into the chances of M.J. by letter. My mail is being held up and I am certain anything I send out is also scrutinized. In fact all mail addressed to foreign names are held up. And as M.J's case requires immediate action if he is to be rescued I accepted the offer of the lawyer to go to N.Y and see you all. I hope you will be able to get in touch with him early Friday morning when he reaches the Hotel.

Dear comrade I am sick at heart having to keep on begging. I know that you and the other comrades have done their utmost. But after you will hear the account of J.L you will realize that we at this end are in for a lot of expenses not only in M.J's case but even more so in Arthurs. It will be a bitter fight to rescue him from the clutches of the Imm. authorities who are more than ever set on getting A. ~~out~~ to Italy. J.L. will have to make a number of trips to Ottawa and a lot of other expenses will be involved. So I have to impose on you and the other comrades again. I don't know to whom else to turn. While J.L will give you a complete report I am nevertheless inclosing a statement of Arthurs situation which you can use in L'Adunato. I am not getting it anymore. You see all my mail is opened, so is the envelope containing the paper. But I have a chance to see it anyhow. But even if I did not, it is important all other readers should know the status of our two comrades which the statement is giving.

A. is much better but still too weak to have faced the hearing tomorrow. Besides the doctor who is treating him would not have him out of bed so soon. I am going to see Arthur this afternoon, after I have taken this to the lawyer who leaves to night.

Perhaps you will give J.L a note for me to tell me about further funds for our fight and anything else you wish to communicate. As to M.J. his affair will have to be settled from the N.Y end. I got yours of the 7th only day before yesterday. B. told me the same when he was here and came to see me. So I hope he can really arrange the Chile proposition, or Santo Domingo, or Mexico, any place where he would be admitted and be left in peace. True the foolish boy hurt himself and others by his letters, but he has already suffered so much I hope he will be permitted to go somewhere to have the right to move about.

I think you had better write me if very important by using a double envelope, the inside blank, the outside addressed to Mrs Sadie Langbord 323 Palmerston Boulevard. The letter will be delivered to me safely. Checks can be made out to E.G. Colton as before.

With fraternal greetings to all the comrades.

I hope you know how to reach Gonzalez of the SIA. I want him to meet Mr C and get from him a report about our fight here.

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Toronto 295 Vaughan Rd
Jan. 26th 40.

Dearling Liza. It was a very great relief to hear from you. Unfortunately my mail has been held up several times which made it very much delayed for your letter to reach me. Just a whole month for I got it only yesterday. Yes, I am still considered "dangerous". Though why, only our wise rulers know. It looks in fact that my mail will go through the same process all through the period of the war. But there is nothing anyone can do about it so I must submit. It was very hard to bear it the first time when not a word reached me in six weeks. But since then my mail is held only for ten days. That is something. So you must continue to write me as I am most anxious about you.

Dearest, I was really shocked to learn that you are alone in the house during the dreadful black outs. Does that mean that you no longer have the girls, that watch-maker or other people living in the house? That would be awful. I know how you feel about my being away from England even though you do miss me. I only wish I could have you here with me I should enjoy my stay in Canada better. But it gives me an uneasy feeling to know you in the midst of the horrors and alone. You do not say what you are doing or how you are living. You must be frightfully hard pressed. Why do you not tell me? That is the use of friendship if it can not share sorrow? You are a bad girl. You enjoy giving but you draw into yourself when it comes to taking. You must not take away the joy of those who love you if they send you a small gift, or want to know how you are existing.

I hear from Ethel occasionally. From her accounts about civil liberties in England people have more of it than we in Canada. Here the war decrees are very rigid and nothing can be done about it especially not by those who are not Canadians. This and the campaign for my Italian friends have made public lectures impossible. Still I might have a few meetings next month dealing with the Russo Finnish situation and other current matters. Perhaps also some literary themes. Meetings have never brought a penny and often even deficits. Still one cannot remain silent always.

I inclose the latest statement about my Italian boys. One of them has been a very sick man and I had to go every day to the place where he lives to take his temperature and look after him in other ways. I got him a very fine physician friend of mine Dr Pollock who attended to him. Well, yesterday was the first time in two weeks that my patient had a normal temperature. I hope he keeps on improving. The struggle to save him from being sent out is going on. I wish I were certain we would succeed.

I am sorry I forgot to inclose Stellas letters. Here they are. I have since heard from her at least once a week. She was actually discharged as cured a week ago. My dearest Liza can you imagine my happiness and Stellas daily improvement. The last letter dated Jan. 11th tells me that ~~xxx~~ she now weigh 120 and that she is sleeping well. Everybody in New York who sees my beloved writes me that her recovery is the most amazing thing. ~~xxx~~ And that she actually looks more beautiful than she did before her illness. I can hardly wait until ~~xxxx~~ when she can come to me.

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I never hear from Doris. But as she has always managed to get along I suppose she does it now too. You remember I used to say about Doris that she is like a ~~monkey~~ cat, throw her off some height she will fall on her paws. If D could survive all she has already gone through she will survive to the end. I wonder what compensation she got from her accident.

Luba has not written again. I am disappointed. But as I do not believe in duty letters I do not care to pester her. I suppose she will write when the spirit moves her. If you do give her my love. I have not forgotten how much she used to enjoy a cup of my coffee and a cigarette. That was our "conspiracy" when you were away.

I am glad Ethel sent you a Christmas card at least. I am disappointed that she has not invited you to her house as she said she would. But then people are kept busy with their own affairs. And Ethel has been very worried about her mother.

In rereading your letter I see that you had tried to do something useful but that it was still impossible and too early. I wish I knew what it is. But whatever it is I hope it will materialize it will help you over the difficult time. Success to you my dearest Liza.

It seems the conflicts in Palestine ~~have~~ ^{are} let up. I hope so. This human and senseless sacrifice is simply awful and without end. And the sacrifice in Finland and Russia. Though one expected almost anything from that madman in the Kremlin one could not imagine he would commit such a criminal folly as the invasion of Finland. And yet there are still fellow travellers who maintain that Stalin can do no ~~wrong~~ wrong. That is what a myth does to some people. It blinds them completely to fact fairly staring them in the face.

Arrogance of the Fellow Travellers I don't know how they are in England. In America they have proven yellow dogs. Imagine some of them willing to go to the blackest commission in the States, the Dies Commission to confess, to turn States Evidence against their own former comrades. To disclose all their slimy political ramifications. It is really too awful. Yesterday I saw a Film called Minotchka. You must see it if you have not yet. It is the most scathing satire I have seen in a long while. It is laughable to tears. And it is absolutely true of conditions in Russia. I admit I laughed but my heart was heavy with the horror of such an end of so great a beginning.

Write me again soon dearest. Always with my love.

Remember me to Mr Zuckerman, he sent me a Christmas card. That was thoughtful of him. Remember me also to Mrs Hozover and to Mr as well and to the Hoshovers. To all the people who care to hear from me.

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Emma Goldman

295 VAUGHAN ROAD

TORONTO

ONTARIO

January 27, 1940.

Dr. John Haynes Holmes,
26 Sidney Place,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Friend:

For eighteen years I have been going about the world exposing the fake that was Russia, the barbarism and the cruelty practised there against everybody who dared to question the immaculate conception of the Soviet Regime. I talked to deaf ears. I was told again and again by liberals in every country, and especially in the United States, that I was working into the hands of our enemies in showing up the real conditions prevalent in Russia. I was not deterred from my task, however, because I knew that the time will come when I will be vindicated. Well, it has come, sooner than I dared to hope for. The treachery of Stalin in the pact with Hitler and his invasion of Finland motivated by his lust for power have at last opened the eyes of the very people who had maligned me and had charged me with every imaginable crime against the cause of the workers.

The astounding thing is that though many people now see the hideous face behind the grinning mask of Stalin, few of them have shown integrity and courage enough to come out unreservedly and to say "miserable". They hedge, cringe and squirm like worms rather than admit that they had been "sold out" by Soviet Russia. That they had been betrayed and that they had engaged over a period of years in betraying others. Frankly, the liberal fellow-travellers represent to me a more despicable group of people than the Communist zealots. The latter have the excuse that they must hang on to the glad rags of their Party, or be kicked out and lose their lucrative positions. The honest ones continue blind among the blind. But what excuse have the fellow-travellers, except downright cowardness? It was very disheartening to see that there was not a single man or woman who would at last take a decisive and unreserved stand against the collapse of their former idol. I said not a single man or woman until you, dear Dr. Holmes, spoke out last Sunday as reported in The New York Times. Your voice cleared the air that had been poisoned for so long and in recent weeks by the fellow-travellers. You have broken the stifling silence. Perhaps others will have the courage to follow you. It was never more necessary to dispel the fog the fog that has hidden the lies, the treachery and the crimes permitted in the name of Socialism, Communism and the liberation of the masses. I congratulate you most heartily on the integrity your stand has shown.

There is, however, one thing you have said as reported in The New York Times. It is in regard to the Russian Revolution with which I must still take issue, because I think you are continuing to confuse the Russian Revolution and Bolshevism. Yet, nothing is further from the truth. I admit that you and the other liberals were quite

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right in believing and defending the Russian Revolution. It was, indeed, the greatest event since the French Revolution. And as my late comrade, Peter Kropotkin, said "it was greater than the French Revolution." Your mistake and the mistake of your fellow-liberals has been all along that you credited this colossal upheaval to Lenin and his Bolsheviks and that you imagined they have "liberated Russia from the Czar," and your second mistake that you hoped "for the further liberation of the Russian people from economic as well as from political serfdom and our vision of a new world springing from the womb of this Russian experiment." That was a grievous blunder and it was that which made you hang on to the ragged edges of the Soviet State and to cover up the crimes that were daily committed in its name.

In point of historic fact, it cannot be stressed too much that not Lenin, Trotsky and the rest have brought about the Russian Revolution but the peasants and workers, the sailors and soldiers and it is also a historic fact that the moment Lenin and the rest ascended to power they alienated the people from the Revolution and then crushed its fair body by the monstrous machine of their creation. Now, that you have looked behind the scene and you have come to see the whole ghastly picture it is necessary that you realize that the treachery committed by Stalin in re the pact is not an accident. It is a link in the long chain of the terrible events that have taken place in Russia under the cover of Socialism, Communism and the Millenium Lamp for the Russian masses. It is the highest time that honest and sincere liberals should recognize this fact. Else their indignation against Stalin over the pact will hardly be of much consequence.

After all, not the bitterest enemy of Stalin could have done his regime and his satraps more injury than he himself has done by the pact and the invasion of Finland. He has stabbed Communism in the back and has dragged its bleeding body through the mire. The whole world knows now what a delusion and a snare the claim of the Communists was that all is well in Russia was. No amount of contortions to explain away the hideous treachery of Stalin and his invasion of Finland will help them from extinction. I am very glad, indeed, that you stand out in your brave admission that you had erred. I congratulate you heartily.

It is a long time since we have corresponded, dear Friend. I hope this letter will induce you to resume the broken threads and that you will write me again soon. I am here since last April, have lectured on a number of subjects and the last four months I have been busy with the defence of several Italian friends of mine who had been arrested under the new war decree Section 39a - having tried to interfere with His Majesty's forces. The frame-up was so flimsy even the Judge saw through it and dismissed the indictment. Unfortunately, the Immigration authorities stepped in and they are holding two of my friends for deportation to Italy. You can imagine what is waiting then under Mussolini's regime. We have been working hard to prevent such a crime. Perhaps you have seen my letters in The New Republic and in The Nation which represented only a fraction of the articles I sent them. Today, I am enclosing the latest statement of the cases.

Cordially,

Emma Goldman

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For eighteen years I have been going about the world exposing the fake that was Russia, the barbarism and the cruelty practiced there against everybody who dared to question the immaculate conception of the Soviet Regime. I talked to deaf ears. I was told again and again by liberals in every country and especially in the United States that I was working into the hands of our enemies in showing up the real conditions prevalent in Russia. I was not deterred from my task, however, because I knew that the time will come when I will be vindicated. Well, it has come, sooner than I dared to hope for. The treachery of Stalin in the pact with Hitler and his invasion of Finland motivated by his lust for power have at last opened the eyes of the very people who had maligned me and had charged me with every imaginable crime against the cause of the workers.

The astounding thing is that though many people now see the hideous face behind the grinning mask of Stalin, few of them have shown integrity and courage enough to come out unreservedly and to say "mea culpa". They hedge, cringe and squirm like worms rather than admit that they had been "sold out" by Soviet Russia. That they had been betrayed and that they had engaged over a period of years in betraying others. Frankly, the liberal fellow-travellers represent to me a more despicable group of people than the Communist zealots. The latter have the excuse that they must hang on to the glad rags of their Party, or be kicked out and lose their lucrative positions. The honest ones continue blind among the blind. But what excuse have the fellow-travellers, except downright cowardness? It was very disheartening to see that there was not a single man or woman who would at last take a decisive and unreserved stand against the collapse of their former idol. I said not a single man or woman until you, dear Dr. Holmes, spoke out last Sunday as reported in The New York Times. Your voice cleared the air that had been poisoned for so long and in recent weeks by the fellow-travellers. You have broken the stifling silence. Perhaps others will have the courage to follow you. It was never more necessary to dispel the fog the fog that has hidden the lies, the treachery and the crimes permitted in the name of Socialism, Communism and the liberation of the masses. I congratulate you most heartily on the integrity your stand has shown.

There is, however, one thing you have said as reported in The New York Times. It is in regard to the Russian Revolution with which I must still take issue, because I think you are continuing to confuse the Russian Revolution and Bolshevism. Yet, nothing is further from the truth. I admit that you and the other liberals were quite

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right in believing and defending the Russian Revolution. It was, indeed, the greatest event since the French Revolution. And as my late comrade, Peter Kropotkin, said "it was greater than the French Revolution." Your mistake and the mistake of your fellow-liberals has been all along that you credited this colossal upheaval to Lenin and his Bolsheviks and that you imagined they have "liberated Russia from the Czar," and your second mistake that you hoped "for the further liberation of the Russian people from economic as well as from political serfdom and our vision of a new world springing from the womb of this Russian experiment." That was a grievous blunder and it was that which made you hang on to the ragged edges of the Soviet State and to cover up the crimes that were daily committed in its name.

In point of historic fact, it cannot be stressed too much that not Lenin, Trotsky and the rest have brought about the Russian Revolution but the peasants and workers, the sailors and soldiers and it is also a historic fact that the moment Lenin and the rest ascended to power they alienated the people from the Revolution and then crushed its fair body by the monstrous machine of their creation. Now, that you have looked behind the scene and you have come to see the whole ghastly picture it is necessary that you realize that the treachery committed by Stalin in re the pact is not an accident. It is a link in the long chain of the terrible events that have taken place in Russia under the cover of Socialism, Communism and the Millennium Kampf for the Russian masses. It is the highest time that honest and sincere liberals should recognize this fact. Else their indignation against Stalin over the pact will hardly be of much consequence.

After all, not the bitterest enemy of Stalin could have done his regime and his satraps more injury than he himself has done by the pact and the invasion of Finland. He has stabbed Communism in the back and has dragged its bleeding body through the mire. The whole world knows now what a delusion and a snare the claim of the Communists ~~was~~ that all is well in Russia ~~was~~ is. No amount of contortions to explain away the hideous treachery of Stalin and his invasion of Finland will help them from extinction. I am very glad, indeed, that you stand out in your brave admission that you had erred. I congratulate you heartily.

It is a long time since we have corresponded, dear Friend. I hope this letter will induce you to resume the broken threads and that you will write me again soon. I am here since last April, have lectured on a number of subjects and the last four months I have been busy with the defence of several Italian friends of mine who had been arrested under the new war decree Section 39a - having tried to interfere with His Majesty's forces. The frame-up was so flimsy even the Judge saw through it and dismissed the indictment. Unfortunately, the Immigration authorities stepped in and they are holding two of my friends for deportation to Italy. You can imagine what is awaiting them under Mussolini's regime. We have been working hard to prevent such a crime. Perhaps you have seen my letters in The New Republic and in The Nation which represented only a fraction of the articles I sent them. Today, I am enclosing the latest statement of the cases.

Cordially,

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TORONTO Jan. 28th 40

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Dear Ben.

Thanks for copies of your correspondence with Hutch. They reach me very much delayed because my mail is being held up in Ottawa. At first it was for six weeks. Since then it is for a week or ten days. As you see the authorities still think me "dangerous". Though why only the fairies know. There is so little one can do here. One is virtuous by necessity not by choice. I suppose the Postal authorities in Ottawa must think I am getting checks and money orders to help poor Hitler. In point of truth whatever I have been receiving was and is still for the defense of two comrades whom the Immigration authorities would like to send to Mussolini's humanity. Anyhow, my mail now depends entirely on the whim of my friends in Ottawa. Now that you know this you will not wonder why you have not heard from me.

I have not yet read Hutchins book. I simply cannot afford to buy books these days. I have asked for the work in the library but it was in circulation. I have left the order and may get it. Then Stella promised to send it to me. So far I have not received it. When I do I will certainly give it careful reading and write Hutch my reaction to it.

From your letter to him of Jan 6th I see that your memory is rather faulty on two points. First; Sam Himmitt could not have come to you because when he went to New York we were en tour. He went to Bayard Boyeson with whom he stayed for some time. While ~~Harry~~ Darrow never showed the least friendliness towards me or my work he had enough confidence to tell Mary Field that the one person he would trust was E.G. Thereupon I suggested to Mary that he be sent to Bayard who would give him hospitality. When S. arrived he was taken to B. and we did not see him several months after, when we returned from ~~Harry~~ our tour.

Secondly, I did not accept Donald in the house we had on 119th Street. Again we were en tour at the time. The miserable creature arrived in New York with a letter of introduction to Sasha from Gertie. As one who had been in the movement for years and had corresponded with Sasha when he was still in the Western P. Sasha could not possibly have doubted Donald. That's why he took him in. After I returned to New York from our tour I remained in the house only as long as it took me to find the loft on 125th Street and have it fixed up. I am not sure but it was not more than a month. But I induced Donald to get out about a week after my return, not because I suspected him, how could I Gertie's son? But because I did not like his shifting eyes and his general expression which used to give me the creeps.

Thirdly there were no drunken orgies between my return to 119th Street and my removal from there. Nor did Terry ever come to the old house. Donald got a glimpse of Matt only once, on a Saturday afternoon when Lincoln Steffens and Hutch arrived to say that Matt wants to come over for a little while. I admit I was apprehensive to letting him come, again not because I suspected Donald, but because I feared he might be recognized on the street. But also I hated to refuse. It was at the

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very moment when Matt in the company of either Hutch or Lincoln, I do not remember who it was, mounted the steps to my room when Donald whose room was below opened his door and saw Matt. That was the only time. It is therefore unjust of you to speak of "druncan orgies" or connected Terrys name, or write Hutch that I did wrong to admit Donald to the house. There is no truth in anything of this. I am sure it is your failing memory and nothing else which induced to write Hutch such nonsense. However, I am convinced Matt would have been caught without Donald's treachery. He was too careless, going to all sorts of saloons and hang outs, coming to the Caffee on Second Ave at the very moment when Burns was talking upstairs. One so reckless cannot expect to be out in freedom so long. That does not minimize the crime of Donald nor the unfortunate coincidences that the creature should be in the house just when Matt came on that Saturday afternoon.

now But why was it necessary to rake that up, surely not because you wanted to show ~~a~~ brave you were not introducing Matt to anybody or Kaplan to Mills. You complain that I failed to give you credit ~~that you~~ for shielding Cronos. I suppose it did not occur to you that I refrained from doing so in order to shield you. For your part was still indictable. Well it does not matter really. It all seems so long ago and of such little importance in view of the world tragedy of today and the complete ~~collapse~~ collapse of all ethical values.

why The main thing is Matt is free and also the others. Nothing else matters. I hope Matt is well and enjoying his release. I have not yet heard from him any more than I did from ~~Mooney~~ Mooney. There is no reason they should write me, if they are not moved to do so. My affection for Matt will remain as strong as it has always been. That's all.

I inclose a copy of the statement I have sent out in re the cases of my two comrades here who are threatened with deportation. I have been at work on these cases since Oct. 4th when three were arrested. I hope they can be spared the fate of falling in Mussolini's hands.

What with reaction rampant in A. it is not likely I will be readmitted. One must learn to face facts.

As always your old friend affectionately

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January 29, 1940.

Dear Miss Goldman:

It is with the greatest satisfaction that I have received and read your fine letter of the 27th. I have had to cry *peccavi, mea culpa*, and it has not been an easy task. But I should have found it impossible to live with myself had I not thus cleared my soul. I feel as you do that many of the liberals have failed to meet the challenge of what the world now knows about Russia, and those who have made their statements of correction and penitence have done so with all too much hemming and hawing. The Russian experience has been to me the supreme disillusionment of my life. In the beginning I hailed the Revolution, the overthrow of the Czar, and the wonder of that event held me in hope and expectation to the Russian cause long after the work of betrayal had begun. Perhaps it was compensation for the utter horror of the war, which I could never accept, that I clung to the Revolution as something to save my own soul as well as the world. But I deceived myself too long, though it was some years ago that the process of disillusionment began. It was the kulak business, the enforced collectivization of the farms, which first shook me. Then came that hideous planned famine, which Chamberlin exposed in "Russia's Iron Age." The purge trials utterly horrified me - I never felt for a moment that those helpless victims were guilty - that I joined John Dewey, Ben Stolberg, in denouncing that monstrous crime without reserve. But still in my heart I was hoping that all was not lost. Then came the Non-Aggression Pact with Hitler, and the last straw was Finland. At last I stand where you took your stand many years ago.

I have already suggested that I see what you make so clear in your letter - namely, the distinction between the original Revolution in Russia and the Bolshevik seizure of it. I made this plain in my sermon. I asked the question, Why did we liberals go wrong, and then I replied in the opening portion of my discussion, that we didn't go wrong, at least in the beginning. We were right, I said, in hailing the overthrow of the Czar, and in acclaiming the Russian Revolution as the English liberals one hundred and fifty years ago acclaimed the French Revolution. I went on to say that we were right also in recognizing Lenin's achievement in holding Russian society together, and thus saving it from complete economic and social collapse. And I paid my tribute to the economic

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experiment, as involving the possibility of an economic liberation to match the political liberation which followed upon the French Revolution. I went far, perhaps too far, in emphasizing that we were all of us right in the beginning. It is only when I had made this plain, that I turned and confessed in detail, and without reserve, how and why and where we went wrong. It was a case of hoping too much, of apologizing for and condoning evils in the expectation of good things to come, failing to realize, in utter self-stultification, that the evils were themselves making impossible the coming of any good. Well, I need not go over this ground with you, but I wanted you to know just a little of the course of my argument.

I am interested in what you write me about Arthur Bartolotti. I missed your letters in the New Republic and the Nation - both of these magazines have been disappointing, even disgusting me in recent years, and I haven't been reading them with any regularity. I wonder if we can do anything for Bartolotti here in the way of stirring up a bit of American sentiment. I am taking your name today to Roger Baldwin to seek his advice.

It is good to be in touch with you again. I know I am delinquent in having let our correspondence lapse, but it is a constant struggle in my life to keep up at all with the letters that pour in upon me. But I want you to write me again, as occasion may offer, and now that I know you are in Toronto, I shall do my best to respond. Perhaps I may be coming up your way for a lecture some time in the not distant future, and if so, I shall seek you out again, as I did on that pleasant afternoon in Montreal years ago.

With greetings and all best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Miss Emma Goldman,
295 Vaughan Road,
Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

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TORONTO Jan. 30th 40
ONTARIO

Dear Rose.

I have before me three letters from you dated Dec. 16th and 28 with copies of Abrams letters inclosed. And your letter of Jan 19th with copy of your letter to Powers inclosed. There were a number of reasons why I did not reply, the first among them being that your Dec. letters did not reach me until about the 10 of this month. You see my mail suddenly stopped coming for six weeks. Of course I knew that it was being held up by the Post Office in Ottawa. It was released only after repeated efforts of our attorney. Since then my mail is held for only a week or ten days. Thus the batch I got yesterday contained yours of the 19th inst. Not so bad as they say here.

The second reason for my silence was that I did not know where to reach you in Los Angeles. I did not want my mail to lay around in your new office as it did once before when you were in New York. Thirdly, and perhaps a ~~the~~ the strongest reason why I did not write was my disappointment in you. Yes, for the first time since we have begun to correspond and have come very close to each other I was bitterly disappointed in you over the Italian cases here and especially your lack of real comradeship for Bortolotti. Yes I know you keep on saying you did what you could. That is not so dear Rose. For instance you say you have contributed to our fight. To whom and when and how much? It is precisely because you failed to send even your personal contribution that I felt so sad. You have always shown yourself so big in personal help I simply could not understand your cold indifference to a fight that is trying desperately to save two comrades from sure death. For that would most assuredly be their fate if they should be shipped to Italy. How could you be so callous?

brief Now I happen to know that you are doing a lot for all sorts of cases and people. Yet when it came to your own flesh and blood as it were you were luke warm, and you took the indifference of others without going after them for help. You did that with Felicani. Yes, you say you had a "brief meeting" with them. That's just it, a ~~brief~~ meeting when you should have kept after them. Write F. a personal letter. What do you suppose I did. Of course I wrote him as I have hundreds of others. F did not have the grace to reply. Yes, the L'A people have been sending money. With ~~of~~ them we could not have gone on. But I doubt very much whether the Boston Italians have been sending money to L.A. But I will make use when I write the comrades of the paper. I am inclined to think that F. and others have just passed up the buck. That's all. ~~But~~ I had expected more from you dear Rose. That is your fault because you have always shown such fine solidarity. Well, it cannot be helped since one can give only if one feels deeply and I am sure you have not felt Arthurs plight very deeply.

Thanks for writing Powers. But we do not want a loan. We did when we were trying so hard to get five thousand dollars cash bail. Fortunately the Italians here and in Detroit came to the rescue. They were simply grand. Cohen got the bail reduced to four thousand and we got A. out three

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weeks ago. It was not amineute too soon. Arthur had lost 12 pounds in the 14 weeks and he came out with a severe cold and high temperature which threatened him with pneumonia. Had he developed that he would not be among the living because he is too run down to face such an illness. Well, Sunday was the first time of Arthurs normal temp. So we are hoping that he will get on his feet again soon. Then the hearing will take place. I inclose a copy of a statement we have prepared which gives his present status. For the other one Cohen had to go to New York to see Belanco of the Amalgamated who promised to do something. All the other organizations whether Amalg. or your Union have shown rank indifference. Why not most of their leaders are well provided for and secure. I know you will think me bitter. I am not usually that. I must say however that I was really sick over the callousness of the people in New York who had been approached.

I am delighted with the news about Mollie and Senia. I had a letter from M yesterday and one previous to this one. She hates the idea of money being collected for her and Senia, she writes the Jewish Relief Society would pay their fare. But she forgets that it is not enough to come to Mexico, money will be needed ~~until~~ until Senia finds something to do. However the main thing is to ~~be~~ secure their entry. Not knowing that Abrams has undertaken the job I wrote to comrade Rodovitzky, you remember his case in Argentine when he got 20 years. He goes under an other name and represents the comrades of the CNT-FAL refugees in Mexico. I wrote him whether he could not get visas for our dear ones to enter Mexico. I have also written him to get in touch with Abrams. I sincerely hope something comes of the project. Senia and Mollie are among the finest types of our comrades. Meanwhile these dear children are in great need so I sent them a little money for use while they are in France, and I will also contribute to the fund ~~via~~ via Willy Rocker as I do not know your girls who are working on the cases.

Well, I have at last written Dubinsky. I inclose a copy of my letter. I have no idea whether it is "official" enough. In any event it is the only "official" manner I know. I sent the letter registered, so far no reply. I wonder whether he will answer or do anything for our suffering people.

Dear Rose I do not mean to hurt you. I am too fond of you for that, but I had to be frank with you in re my reaction to your lack of friendship for one of our truly splendid comrades A.B.

Affectionately,

Emma

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Mr. Irving Pflaum,
The Chicago Daily Times,
211 W. Wacker Tr.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Irving Pflaum:

Ever since I read your splendid article in the American Mercury of May "Russia's Role in Spain" you were no stranger to me. Indeed, I felt as if I had known you for a long time and had gained your friendship and camaraderie. Perhaps I was so impressed by your account of Stalin's deadly hand in Spain because you were the first eminently qualified to tell the true story and because you showed such understanding and such sympathy for my comrades. You ~~disproved~~ the many lies and calumny that had been spread by the Stalin satraps of the men and women who fought so heroically in defence of the Spanish Revolution and who had been betrayed by the whole world including Russia. In any event, I felt very close to you and I promised myself someday to get in direct touch with you. Strangely enough the opportunity has now presented itself.

Yesterday I received a letter from my dear friend, Jeanne Levey, telling me that you were on the Chicago Times and that you had expressed interest in a possible series of articles. She also sent me the subjects you were good enough to suggest. I have just replied to her letter and I have told her that as I have never seen a copy of the Times I haven't the remotest idea what or whom it represents. Is it a Hearst Paper? If so, I can assure you that any articles with my name would never be tolerated in the Times. I know whereof I speak. You see, in 1901 Hearst's name was very closely connected with mine, unfortunately, as having incited the attempt on the life of President McKinley. To whitewash himself Mr. Hearst was willing to spend a great deal of money to help put me in the electric chair as an accessory to the act. He failed, but from that time on he never accepted a line by Emma Goldman. I felt I should tell you this so you should not be disappointed if my name will not be accepted in the holy and sanctified pages of any publication mastered by Mr. Hearst.

Another point in the letter of my friend also makes me very dubious about anything of mine in the columns of the Times. It is the fact that Mr. Houghtely, Commissioner of Immigration, if one of the directors of the Times. I doubt very much whether he would be more liberal than Mr. Hearst. I rather think that he has been approached about my re-entry to the States and that he has refused. But to be quite certain I will

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write to my old friend and attorney, Harry Weinberger, who I believe has approached me. I will let you know when I hear from him.

The three subjects I listed seem to be rather formidable for a daily paper. If they are to be treated thoroughly, they certainly would not be in just a few hundred words. I do not have to say that I am a very considerable philosopher. I am not a philosopher, but they are the subjects of a "philosophical" sort. I am sorry to say that I do not know what you mean by it. In the past I have considered the term "philosophical" something of a synonym for "speculation", without a hint of criticism, of course, in your case.

However, there is something else much more serious, which I would have to consider before I could undertake to write on any of the subjects, even if I were sure that the articles were acceptable to the Times. It is this - I happen to live in a country at war, more rigid in its war decrees than the Mother Country of Canada. No matter how mildly and philosophically I would treat the theme I would be sure to be ordered out of the country and I frankly admit that I must either keep gagged, or if I do write on any war theme, I would have to do it without any reserve whatever, take the same stand without fear or favour as I did in 1917 when America entered the war. Were it only a question of imprisonment, I shouldn't hesitate a moment. I feel that we live in a large prison anyway. It is, therefore, only a matter of degree and I am not afraid of it, but it is another matter to be deported, once more to become like the wandering Jew in search for asylum. I do not think it is worth risking it. I might, however, be able to treat the third subject you suggested MY POSITIVE POSITION IN THE WORLD TODAY.

What I would most like to do would be the following: The Forces That Made Hitler, The Origin and Development of The Treachery of Stalin. I would also like to do something on the dear fellow-travellers who have for twenty years condoned every despicable act in Russia and who are now squirming like worms to wriggle out of their dilemma. Some of them still hanging on to the ragged capes of their former idol because they are too cowardly to admit the downright stupidity of their former allegiance to Moscow.

All you write me at your earliest convenience and I will thank you to send them to me at all possible intervals. I am sure you will.

Sincerely,

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Jan. 30, 1940

Darling Jeanne:

By this time you must know that all my mail is reaching me very much delayed. In fact, for six weeks I was kept in maddening suspense because not a line reached me from anybody. Thanks to the efforts of our lawyer the letters were released. Among them were a number of letters dated November and early December. They had all been held in Ottawa. Since the tenth of this month, they were again held up twice, one batch reaching me on the 16th of this month and the other yesterday. The former contained your letter from Los Angeles which I immediately answered and which I sent as per your instructions to Jay in Chicago. I now hasten to answer yours of the 16th which contained the suggestions for articles from Irving ~~Pflaum~~ Pflaum.

Darling, you are the same enthusiast as ever. Fortunately, for I have been in the dumps ever since the arrest of our comrades and the awful struggle to raise the necessary funds for their defence. I am simply worn out with the eternal begging and although nearly \$2,000. have been raised almost exclusively by the Italian and Spanish comrades the end is not yet. It was under the utmost strain that the Italian comrades in this city and in Detroit raised \$4,000. for cash bail for Arthur Bortolotti. We certainly did not get him out too soon. He lost 12 pounds in the jail and he came out with a high temperature and a very sick man. He had to take to his bed and be under doctor's treatment for two weeks as we feared he might develop pneumonia. Fortunately, he is over the worst, but you may believe me when I say that I went through very anxious days. Arthur's hearing at the Immigration Office is to take place very soon. The authorities are determined to get rid of him and also of another comrade who is being held for deportation. In view of the fact that there is no movement here and very few comrades able and willing to do anything I have had my hands full. But more than the physical exertion has been my disgust with the Italian and Jewish labour leaders in New York whom Fitz tried to reach. Of course, they are well fixed and secure, why should they bother about the danger threatening the two comrades. So you see, my dear, I am not exaggerating when I say that I need your optimism to buoy me up.

Now to Pflaum's letter. In view of the fact that the Chicago Times is a daily I was certainly surprised to see his list of subjects which would be heavy and intricate to do even for a magazine. I don't see how they could possibly fit into a daily paper. I have not seen a copy of the Times and have not the remotest idea what its tenets are. The very fact that the

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Commissioner of Immigration, Mr. Naughtly Houghtely, is one of the directors of the paper does not augur well for the kind of writing I would like to do to satisfy myself. I see Pflaum wants me to do something "philosophically". On the American Continent this term has often covered a multitude of sins, primarily lack of stamina and conviction. You understand, my dearest, that I couldn't furnish such articles.

However, there is something much more important to consider before I could consent to do the subjects Pf. suggests. It is this - every theme must inevitably deal with the war and deal in an unmistakable and straightforward manner, as I always have done so in the past. If I undertake it, I would have to immediately reserve passage to England because there is not a shadow of doubt that I would be deported if the articles would appear in print. Yes, even if they appeared in an American publication. After all, one cannot analyse the causes and aims of the war without speaking of the part of the allies and as Canada is bound to Great Britain in the war any critical attitude of mine, or analysis would no more be tolerated here, perhaps even less than in England. Now, if it were a question of a few years in prison, I would not hesitate for a moment. But I have tasted the bitterness of being an alien everywhere since 1919 and I have seen what our first experience has done for Sasha I, therefore, do not think that I could face a repetition. Don't forget I am twenty years older since I was out off from everything that Sasha and I had built up over a period of thirty-five years. The only subject I might treat without putting my head in the noose would be that on my "Positive Position in the World Today". Mainly I had hoped I could dispose of articles dealing with such themes as - The Forces that Made Hitler, or What Made Stalin?, and even more so The Betrayal of Spain by Stalin. Also I would like to pay my respects to the fellow-travellers who are now squirming like worms out of their dilemma and who are still clinging to the ragged edges of the Soviet Regime. I am writing Pflaum accordingly.

About your suggestion in re Rudolf. I have invited a few comrades to my place for this Friday evening. I will read the part of your letter that touches on the issue. Knowing as I do how sensitive and proud Rudolf is, I feel that unless the undertaking you have in mind can be carried out absolutely privately it would hurt Rudolf to the quick. Moreover he would not take the money. I will let you know.

I wish I could send you copies of Stella's letters. They are gems and show her miraculous recovery. I know you will be happy to learn that she has been discharged by her physician as cured. Stella writes me that it was this very gifted young woman doctor who saved her life and her sanity. But my dear secretary, Millie Desser, is working during the day and I cannot load her too much with work in the evening unless it is over the week-end. I am hoping that before long you will be able to go to New York and you will see Stella and see how vital, vivid and keen she is once more.

With love to Jay and yourself,

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Emma Goldman

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Jan. 31st 40

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My Dearest. Your letter of yesterday came through quickly. I am so glad because I was waiting to hear how you liked J.L. I am glad you were impressed by his personality. Yes, he is very keen, brilliant and very much absorbed in his clients. At least he was that in my Italiens. But he has one complex, that's money. He is fairly obsessed by it. You cannot imagine how driven and harassed I felt until his fee of \$1500 was paid besides \$178 for court records, long distant phones and fees and other expenses. That with the \$100 for his trip to New York has come up to \$1778, a fortune ground out from our poor Italiens. Worst luck the end is not yet. Cohen naturally expects an additional fee for his labor in the two immigration cases. I don't know where I will get it. Frankly I have lost faith in the promises of the Italian labor gang. They are secure well provided for, fat and comfortable. Why need they care for the danger of Italy threatening Arthur and our other man? It is preposterous of Alvano in the rest to say they would do everything if they had the backing of Carlo. What kind of people are they to be bound by one man? Darling I am not blaming you but I am thoroughly disgusted with the Italiens and Jews in New York. For the Fr. Arb. Stimme has done no more than the Italian unions. The same indifference.

However you must not think I regret having engaged Cohen. He is worth all he got as far as his ability and his keenness is concerned and also his devotion to Arthur. If the latter will be saved it will all be due to J.L. In point of fact, A. and the rest have been spared couple of years in prison by Cohens ability. So I am not sorry. I only mentioned J.L.'s money complex because it was bitter to get the amount so far subscribed by the Italian and Spanish comrades. And now that more is needed I just dread to pestered our people for further contributions. Yet I will have to do it because as I already stated I have lost faith in the N.Y. end.

Darling I thought Tresca has a sense of humor and would not mind the joke about his beard. I certainly did not take it seriously. I am sorry that I did not know you did not want me to mention it. Well, I do not think Carlo minded it at all. I inclose his answer to my letter it is pretty vague and detached. He writes he had contributed some money to the defense. I wonder whom to. I wrote Clara Freedman to let me know if she got the contribution. She sent me \$12 perhaps some of it was Trescas.

I understand the woman Roger Baldwin married has inherited \$2,000 000. Rose Pesotta wrote me about it. She inclosed a copy of a letter she wrote Powers Hapgood who knew Rogers new wife and was friendly with her to try to interest her in Arthurs case. Roger has certainly struck a goldmine, but I have not the slightest hope that his lady will contribute anything for our fight. I wrote Roger to see Cohen, all he did is to get in touch with him by phone. He did not even have the grace to invite J.L. to his office. These liberals, they are greasy with oily pretence but they never do anything.

I was glad to get the scrib about Eva Langbord. Poor girl she has no luck. Have you ever seen her play. Is she good and just does not

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know how to break through, or is she not much good. What is it? The girl has charm, she certainly has dogged perseverance. So what? Write me your view.

Cohen was very impressed with Stella. Of course she told him her whole history which of course he did not know from me. He thinks she has a keen mind and is so vivid. I fear she is back at her old ways, entertaining a good deal and working far beyond her strength. I hope she will not again overdo it.

The inclosed to Jeanne Levey and Irving Pflaum will interest you. It is a sorry day for me to consider the possibility of another deportation in regard to writing about the War. I am fairly bursting with the urge to spit it all out as I did in 1917. Is it that I am twenty years ~~younger~~ older that I have become so cautious, or is it that I still feel bruised all over me from being an alien everywhere? I don't know. I feel rotten not to have the freedom to speak out on what seems to me a more devastating issue than the last war.

I do hope you will land something from your renewed connection with theatrical people. It is a shame that one who has done so much for others in the profession should not be able to find a permanent position. So few know the meaning of friendship.

Please send back Carlos letter in case I decide to write him again. It is preposterous to charge the man with being a spy. But that he is very light weight and rarely carries out what he promises to do that I can testify to.

Love to Pauline.

Devoted love to you my dearest.

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HARRY WEINBERGER
Consultant at Law
30 West 40th St., New York
Longview 5-3030-0033

January 31, 1940

Miss Emma Goldman
205 Vaughan Road
Toronto, Canada

My dear E.G.G.

I sent the enclosed letter to the President this day, which speaks for itself.

It is no use trying to get up any large committee or raise any fees. I think this is the simple way of doing it at this time, which way or way or may not bring results.

May I suggest that you proceed and make your application at the American Council, for a temporary visa. Let's start the wheels going. Let's have a show-down.

In one of your letters you talked about a committee refusing funds to pay me a fee and pay my necessary travelling expenses. May I say I definitely don't expect and would not accept any fee. I know of course it is almost unnecessary for me to say this to you.

I am sending a copy of this letter also to Eugene, Phyllis and Eugene Lynn.

I am with all best,

Sincerely,

HARRY WEINBERGER

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STELLA CHURCHILL orig

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Herb. Tinnel

I cannot see what
 you mean who were an able man
 and how can we succeed of that
 and the same administration
 you are sure a true supporter of
 the law for you mean affection &
 respect which is there.
 It is better to have the
 approximations which you mention &
 comments are in regard of them
 this improved approach. Then
 that one who not for us, but
 in practice for ourselves, and of
 this kind one who is to be used in
 other one. And we are in a
 way to get our very essence
 of knowledge, a new view in which
 we are to be seen again, one
 on the other hand.

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I often wish that the children were out of it much as I should grieve at the separation & not seeing their lovely little son growing up. He has such vitality & sturdy limbs; Ruth is an excellent mother & does not fall into my ~~new~~ mistake of clinging too much to her child. I hope you have been successful in saving the anti-fascist Italian who was to be sent back. Man's inhumanity to man seems to get worse instead of better with the growth of technical knowledge. Perhaps it is true this fault collided with another one or that the human race died out from misuse of the soil, or low temperatures here it has been freezing for 6 weeks & many more have been killed on the road at night than on the western front.

Do write again.

With love

Yours as ever
Stella

Churchill.

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Emma Goldman

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TORONTO Feb. 2nd 40
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Dearest bunya. Your letter of Jan 29th came through in 24 hours. So if and when you write me again address it the same way.

Thanks my dear for the ~~money~~ ^{the checks} order for \$3.40. You are a splendid sales girl. Too bad I did not have more copies of L.M.L. with me to leave in your charge. You see how selfish we all are. The first sign of kindness and attention to us and we want more..

You say you returned from a two weeks visit ~~from~~ your sister. Where does she live and did you have a real rest? You did not look at all well when I was in Winnipeg and then Jasha wrote that you were ill again. He did not say what was the matter, so I was very anxious. I hope your rest from your daily grind has built you up and brought back your strength.

We here had quite a scare with Arthur Bortolotti. He was a very sick man when we got him out of the dreadful jail. He should have remained in bed and taken all the rest and good nourishment possible. Instead he went out several times and then came down with a very severe cold, swollen glands and a temperature of 103 5/10 which he ran for nearly a week. The doctor feared pneumonia. Of course his hearing at the immigration dept had to be postponed and he carefully nursed. So I went every day to the house of Italian comrades where Arthur was while the wife of the owner of the flat, a most genuine and capable Italian woman carried out the orders of looking after our sick man. Well, I am glad to say that A. came out splendidly. After a week the temperature came down to normal and he was able to enjoy an half hour of fresh air every day. And he was at my place for dinner. He looked a new man although still very pale and not too strong.

Altogether I had to open a regular clinic, our dear comrade and great friend of mine who lives with me was layed up three times in one month with severe cold. Then the husband of my friend from whom I rent the apt caught cold. In short it was one after another. Fortunately I have been shamefully healthy, knock wood. But while I am in good condition physically I feel mentally most depressed. I realize the world situation is bleak enough to give one depression. But it is also because I feel gagged and mentally paralyzed. No chance of making ones thoughts and ideas heard. The other day I had an offer of a series of articles for the Chicago Daily Times. They all dealt with the phases of the war. If I were to write the articles I would have to peck my trunk for it is certain that I would be ordered out of Canada, again become the wandering Jew. This is a bit hard to face at seventy, and yet I feel I ought to cry out my attitude against the madness of the world. It makes me most unhappy not to be able to face the ordeal.

Thank you my dear for saying you will think up some thing that might help our fund for the defense. Anything you will decide will be satisfactory. Give my affectionate greetings to Jasha and your dear mother. With love to you all.

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Needham Feb. 3/40

Dear Mr. Colton

At an entertainment of the library club of Needham we decide to send you \$24.00 for the defence of Arturo Bartolotti and other friend.

With best wishes and regards to all of you I remain

very truly your

Leo Becchetti

370 Central ave

Needham Hgts. Mass

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Emma Goldman

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February 4, 1940.

Dear Friend:

meant The main reason for my silence since I received your card of July 3, 1939 was that I did not wish to impose on your time while you were hard at work on your book. I hope when this reaches you will have finished it and that you will feel free to let me hear from you. We corresponded so often while I was in England and your letters have always so much to me that I have missed them more than I can tell you.

Much has happened since I came here. Of course, the usual lectures on the world situation, on Stalin's pact with Hitler, on some literary subjects. Unfortunately, this is barren ground for any idea that still expresses adherence to fundamentals and will have no truck with the compromises and with all the hypocritical pretences of democracy and freedom. Especially is this the case since this country entered the war. The new decrees are paralysing. We have had a taste of it in the cases of four Italians arrested four months ago today and placed on trials supposedly because they were preaching and distributing subversive literature and because two broken, rusty revolvers were found in the room of one of the Italians. I am glad to say that the original indictments were dismissed against all the four. However, two are held by the immigration authorities. One of them, Arthur Bortolotti, a very intelligent and most informed anti-Fascist, has incurred the hatred of the Fascists as well as the Canadian authorities and they are very anxious to get rid of him although he has had domicile in Canada for twenty years.

It has always been my so-called luck to fall into jobs that others either will not or cannot tackle. So, too, it was the case with the Italians. The defence and the most difficult job of raising funds were forced on my old shoulders as there was no one else to do the work. So, for four months I have been busy sending out begging letters and in that way have raised over \$2,000.00 for the defence besides \$4,000.00 in loans for cash bail for Arthur Bortolotti. In spite of all progress, or seeming progress, prisons everywhere have remained pretty much the same. Judging by my friend's condition when we bailed him out of the jail here, this too is no place for human habitation. My friend came out a very sick man and it took three weeks to get him on his feet again. Such is man's inhumanity to man! Anyway, I cannot complain of any lack of occupation or interest, even if it consists only in trying to save two people from being sent over to ~~the~~ Mussolini's regime.

Although my activities have been strictly "within legal bounds" I seem to have roused the curiosity of the postal censors. In the middle of December my mail suddenly stopped arriving. It took six weeks to break the ban. Since then my letters have been doled out in medicinal doses. Thus, I haven't had a single line delivered since last Monday. Of course, I appreciate deeply the solicitation of the authorities, but I should prefer a little less of it. Unfortunately, the state everywhere rules supreme. The

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individual is a mere cog in the machine, and it grinds just as fine everywhere no matter what its political claim. Anyway, I haven't been able to concentrate on writing as I should. I did hope I could interest some publishing house in a book on Spain dealing largely with Stalin's hand in that unfortunate country. Three have refused because, as they say, "there is no interest in Spain." Perhaps they are right. Why should the world care for the collapse of a great beginning and for the fate of a heroic people? So much happens everyday. The human mind cannot hold it all and the human race has become so callous to suffering and tragedy it does not want to be reminded too much of the harrowing past now being confronted with new horrors.

Life is very hard, indeed. If it were not for the fact that the recent actions of the arch defender of anti-Fascism on the Russian throne has exposed the myth - that all was well in Russia and that Stalin was the dear little father who has only the welfare of the masses at heart. Not the bitterest enemy of Communism could have injured it to the extent that Stalin's pact with Hitler and his invasion of Finland has succeeded in doing. He has torn off the mask from his hideous face so that the whole world can now see Stalin as he ~~really~~ really was from the early beginning and especially since he ascended to power. Of course, the pact was no surprise to some of us. In point of truth, I have pointed out its coming more than six years ago in an interview in this city with a representative of the Toronto Telegram and I have repeated the close affinity between Soviet Russia and Germany ever since. Moreover, I have attempted to prove that the affinity was established long before Stalin came to power. In fact, as long ago as 1918. But I preached to deaf ears. Now that the whole world is able to see and hear the truth about the Soviet Regime there are still fellow-travellers, especially in the United States, who cling to the ragged edges of their former beliefs. They try desperately to explain away the inexplicable. Among the most cowardly seem to be the New Republic and the Nation. It is nauseating to read their excuses for the actions of Stalin. I don't know how the liberals in England are acting, but those in America are altogether a despicable lot. Among them only one man has recently ~~shown~~ demonstrated real bravery and that was Dr. John Haynes Holmes. He finally plucked up courage and admitted from his own pulpit that he had been "sold out" and that "he had sold out others," that he had deliberately kept silent on the hideous crimes that he knew were being committed in ~~Russia~~ Russia because he believed that a great economic experiment was being tried there.

Well, dear Friend, I have written you a lot about myself and about my doings. Now, I would like to hear from you. Have you finished your book? If so, has it been published and what is its name? I would like to read it. Have you found time to write that preface to the "Oscar Wilde" of my old friend, Tom Bell? Please write me soon.

Sordially, as ever,

Emma Goldman

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Feb. 6th 40.

Editor Freie Arbeiter Stimme.

Hand
Dear Comrade. Inclosed please find a statement of the moneyes collected for our suffering Spanish comrades and those of other countires who have fought heroically in the Spanish anti-Fascist war and are still under going great ~~hard~~ *ships* in French camps. Please be good enough to bring the statement so that your readers might see that we in Tornot have raised a little money to help our Spanish friends.

It is little enough I must say. When I decided to sail for Canada one of the strongest hopes I cherished was that I might show the truly gigantic struggle the Spanish people have made, the treachery that led to their defeat and also that I would raise a substantial fund to rescue our comrades from the tender hospitality of Democratic France. In connection with this ~~plan~~ *pan* I wanted to create an E.G. Testimonial Fund for Spanish refugees. We made a good beginning in this city with a small banquet in testimony to my fifty years in the Anarchist movement which took place Sept 30th. Comrades in a number of cities in the States were planning to follow up the Toronto affair with similar dinners in a number of large cities. The war put a stop to all these plans. Then in the midsts of some meetings where I made appeals for the testimonial fund the arrest of our Italian comrades in this city ~~and this time~~ happened and the need of raising their defense fund. Much as I disliked giving up temporarily the efforts ~~for~~ my pet scheme the urgency of raising money for the fight to prevent the railroading of our Italian comrades had first claime and necessitated that I concentrate on the task so close et home. That explains why so little has been collected for The E.G. Testimonial Fund for our Spanish martyrs. I am sorry but I console myself that once our comrades Bortolotti and M. Joaquin will be saved from the intention of the immigration authorities to send them to Italy I will again strain every muscle to raise more financial help for our gallant Spanish friends.

Emma Goldman
Faternally.

slashed
Your readers will be glad to learn that if our Spanish comrades are given the least help their spirit rises wherever they are. Thus comrade Santillan has resumed the publication of TIMON, the fine Magazine ~~started~~ in Barcelona before the debacle. It now comes out in Argentine and a lot of other important documents about the treachery of Russia in Spain, and the equally impardonable treachery of Negrin are now being published. Then again the comrades in Mexico are busy organizing cooperative factories and the land while 42 Spanish Libertarin peasants have are settled on an estate where they are busy in building new life. In other words, our comrades have been defeated but not conquered. Unless they will be made to perish in French camps they will ~~again be~~ ~~hardly~~ rise again from the test of fire they have suffered and they will prove that they have remained unscathed.

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Feb. 6th 40

Dear comrade Dominico.

My mail held up since last Monday has been delivered to day. Naturally I thought I would hear from you after you have talked to our attorney. Yet here it is ten days and nothing from you. What can be the matter I wonder.

Dear comrade Arthurs hearing has been definitely set for next Tuesday. Then the real action will have to begin and money will be needed for that. For instance it will be necessary for our attorney to go to Ottawa and perhaps for some people to join him. That will mean a considerable expense. I am sorry to say that our treasury is pretty empty although not quite dry. I must therefore ask you to see what you can do to raise more money. Then too we are waiting to hear from Belanco in re M.J. That too may involve considerable expenses. Anyhow write me about it by air mail. It may reach me quickly.

Inclosed I am sending you a statement of accounts of the money I have raised for our Spanish refugees and the desbusements. Also a short letter from me. I would very much like for L'Adunato to publish it so the Italian and Spanish comrades who attended my meetings in Windsor and here may know where the money went to. Please see that it goes into the paper.

Arthur is very much better I am glad to say. I know he will feel relieved to learn that his hearing will come up next week. He was very restless.

Please let me hear from you without delay as I want to be ready for any emergency that might arise next Tuesday.

Fraternally.

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February 7th. 1940.

Dear E.G.

Last week I did not write to you. Although I had no-thing of any interest to tell you, I planned to write just the same, just ~~in~~ in order to prove that my interest in our friends who are menaced with deportation into the hands of their worst enemies, is not falling asleep. But I could not make it. So here I am apologizing.

If my knowledge of your ability to judge people had not sufficed, now I am sure that all you said about the alertness of the lawyer you found for the defense of our friends is true. It is not often that one finds people of that sort who are interested in anything, or know anything about, but their law or their trade. Well, all seems to be for the best on that side.

Enclosed you will find a check for \$25. which are meant for the further needs of the defense of our friends. It is such a small amount that I am almost ashamed, but we cannot delay in sending it to you because we still know how needed it is.

Has anything developed since the last news we had?

Respectfully, dear friends, both for you and for our persecuted friends my fraternal greetings.

Nick L. Domenico

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Feb. 8th 40.

Dearest Ethel

You write your and Regies letters are being "opened" by the secret police. None is not only opened but it is kept for days and weeks on a stretch. For instance, your letter of Jan 8th reached me only the 6th. Of course one must make allowance for the slow crossing now. But also my mail was again held up for 9 days. Your letter was contained in the packet released the 6th after nine days waiting.. I fear this will go on all through the period of the war. It is enervating to be kept in such uncertainty but I am already grateful that the delay is not so prolonged as the first time when I was left high and dry for nearly ~~that~~ six weeks without word from anybody. I tell you we here keep wondering ~~the~~ in England some civil liberties ~~xx~~ still exist. I catch myself wishing I were back. I would not feel so gagged and paralyzed. But I can never think of England without a shudder for the pain and mental suffering I endured there and the narrow attitude of everyone to every step I made there. Then too, as you justly say the few liberties one enjoys in England yet may also not be for long.

I need not tell you how cramped ~~in~~ I feel and how I long for intellectual companionship. Still I prefer it here a thousand times more than my life in London. At least I do have devoted friends and comrades here who appreciate what I am doing and who give me understanding and affection. It is some comfort to know that ~~xxxxxxxx~~ "there is no shadow on your integrity". That would really be the last straw after all the accusations and recriminations hurled at me by those who who claimed comradeship and yet did not know the first principle of it. I too hope we may meet again, but if I can help it it shall not be in England. You may never have realized that you really did not get me to the fullest because while I was in England I was always on the defensive. If I can remain here indefinitely I will and then perhaps you may come to America and visit me here.

You did right my dear that you did not send me the details of the additional crookedness of R. Strangely enough when I got your first letter containing the appalling story I began to question whether R had not also helped himself to the moneys that went through his hands for V. I was never told of the transaction nor did I ask questions. I knew that V. was of sterling quality and I had the same feeling about J.B. And far from suspecting R. I naturally felt they were ~~attending~~ transacting matters honorably. And that was enough for me. I knew what V. wanted the money for. Besides I was so absorbed with the work I was doing I did not wish to step into the other picture. I ~~was~~ questioned the need of R's going on the trip. It seemed a waste of funds and unnecessary. But J.B. assured me it was. So I gave my consent especially as I was assured it would only be for ten days. R was away for a month. He never breathed a word what he had been doing. ~~But he asked for money~~

It is truly awful that the man also helped himself to the funds intended for such a purpose and for which V. was only too ready to risk his life. Nevertheless it is childish of our Spaniards to judge everybody else because R. has proven a rotter. And it is foolish to say that the whole

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Movement has been discredited. For one R there are hundreds and thousands of our Spanish comrades and comrades in all countries whose integrity is pure light in this our slimy world. No matter how agonizing the disappointment in a miserable critter like R, and my disappointment is very deep (for I have trusted R implicitly) it is as nothing compared with the feeling of complete security that has come to me over and over again from my comrades who have remained ~~spotless and dependable~~ stainless and dependable no matter how great their own needs. As I said you did right not to send me all the ghastly details. But there is one thing ~~that~~ in your letter that makes me very uneasy. You say J.B. has been a quite unsuitable person to audit the books. Does that mean he was involved with R in the latter's crookedness? That would really be the last straw. Please let me know in a general way.

My letter dated Dec 27th although again full of typographic errors has explained that I did not mean the petty cash R used weekly, but it was monthly of course. That letter contained two additional errors, one in re our Spaniards. I did not mean them, but J.B. which should have read Spaniard. I referred to him and the transactions he and R were engaged in for V. I feel so relieved that V at least is ~~exempt~~ exempt from the least suspicion. He always impressed me as honorable to the highest degree. I wish I knew how he has reacted to the two whom he had trusted utterly. And poor Janet what a shock it must have been to her to find R so wanting. I mentioned in my last letter to you that she wrote me a violent and recriminating letter because I had dared to say that R lacked initial and responsibility, I meant in the work of course, not as regards money. Well, life is a process of elimination. One has to be prepared for that.

If nothing else England has thought ^{me} be a lesson bitter as it was to face it. No, not so much England as my association in the work with English people. It has taught me to be on my guard and not to expect anyone to take my word for granted. And so I have made out a minute account of the moneys I have collected here for the needs of various refugees. I inclose a copy of the receipts and the disbursements. The accounts have been audited by a public accountant ~~who~~ after he had gone through all our receipts. The account as you will see does not include the £20 of my own money which I refunded the amount in salaries I had drawn from the London SIA section before you took full charge of it the latter part of August 1938 when I left for Spain again. I can send you the receipts from Souchy, Mollie A, ^{me} Berneri and V. for £20 and you will have received £20 by the time this reaches you. I still owe SIA £3 although I left you £7 before I sailed representing the amount paid out to some of the refugees in Paris the last time I was there. Well, my dearest a very painful and bitter chapter of my life is closed for me now that I have appeased my own mind of the ever present gnawing thought of the part salary I was forced to take from the SIA funds. I cannot tell you what a relief it has been to me that I did not have to do it here. That is entirely due to my faithful comrades who had so generously contributed to my anniversary fund. Had I been able to economize the amount should have secured me for two years. But there are too many comrades and friends in distress for me to consider what will happen when the gift sent me for my 70th birthday will have given out. One has to live from day to day at present so there is no use worrying about the future.

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We received the second and third copy of V's paper and liked it very much. Especially did I like your article in the 3rd number. It is splendid dearest. Strangely enough I said almost the identical thing in the summer of 25 at ~~the~~ some peace conference attended by Ponsonby Pierre Ramus and others. All delivered themselves of the usual rubbish of peace in our present system saying not a word about capitalism needing and creating wars. No one, not even R at that time stressed the fallacy of ~~Pacifism~~ Pacifism and the clamour against violence while capital punishment the birch and every other form of violence is daily practiced by the State and its auxiliaries of which war is the strongest prop of the system. You can imagine how delighted I am to read your article which ~~expresses~~ the same fundamental error of not only the "wooly women but also the spineless men. We here would like to support V's publication but we had to write him not to send more than one copy because under the war decree section 39a under which our boys were arrested it is impossible to circulate anything without making oneself liable to a long term in prison. However, I wish when you see V. you will be good enough to tell him I have not forgotten my debt to him or rather to SPAIN and The WORLD which I will send for the use of the present publication directly "my ship" comes in from Holland. In this case it will mean some cash for Sahara and my material though much less than I had asked and also because of the low standing of the pound. V can rest assured that I have not forgotten the matter and that I will make good soon I hope.

Yes dearest I received your Christmas card. You look lovely on it and your garden so enchanting, and quickened my memory of the lovely times I had with you in your home.

It is alright about not divulging the foolish man who concocted the yarn about my saying English people do not believe in Committees. I don't really care but why would people invent such stories. This is what I cannot understand. In any event I should not have "bickered" anyhow as this is not my nature. It does not matter really whether I know his name or not.

I have another request, could you find out for me without much trouble whether Sidoni Goossens and Greenbaum still live at 5 Wetherby Gardens. I think ~~Sidoni~~ knows. I sent them a Christmas card which was returned saying could not be found. I want to know because I want to write them to find out whether R has ever shipped the boxes of stuff I left to them. Both Greenbaum and Sidoni had offered to store the boxes for us.

Inclosed is also a recent statement of the status of Arthur Bortolotti. We got him out on \$4000 cash bail a very sick man. I had to nurse him daily to get him back on his feet. He is much stronger though not entirely well. His hearing is next Tuesday the 13th. of this month.

I know you are always a busy child yet I make bold to ask you to see Liza K occasionally. She must be in a terrible situation. No curtains to work on at this time of course. Also she seems to have lost some of her roomers. She wrote me once of sitting alone in the dark house during the black out. She does not complain at all but I can gather she is very much distressed. Perhaps you can invite her one day to your place. It will mean a great deal to her. Of course you are not to say that I have written you about her.

Do write again soon and tell me about yourself and your work. With love. *Emma*

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Dearest Emma, I received your telegram of congratulation Saturday evening at the surprise party at 11 Charlton Street. How I wish you could have been there! Your Stella, looking remarkably well, was there and Teddy. Stella was her old gay self and Teddy was Teddy (nobody like him) as always. Leonard Abbott, Anna English Walling, Harry Kelly, all old friends of yours, were there too. Fizzie and Pauline also. We talked of our visit in '23 and of our experience with the police in Munich. How long ago it seems!

Stella, as a good neighbor ^{should} drop in for a few minutes to see me every now and then when she is out on a marketing tour. I am devoted to her. I've not yet seen Dan's wife, but I ran across Dan on the street a few days ago. My! but he's a handsome young man! And I'm sure he's just as grand a person as he is handsome.

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Stella, the darling, came in the morning of
my birthday February 1, with six lovely
interesting Penguin books as a gift to
me and to say, "many happy returns!"

Gratefully and devotedly yours,
Ellen A. Kennan

436 West 20th Street
New York City
February 8, 1940

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Emma Goldman

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TORONTO Feb. 9th 40

ENTRANCE

Darling Milly, dearest Rudolf. Being a good Christian I include you in my letter dearest Rudolf even though I have not heard from you for ages. Nice of me, don't you think? Well, I know what it means to tour and talk every night, still worse to be talked to by our dear comrades at all hours and all times. So I am not complaining about your neglect of me. But I should not object to one of your real letters once in a while. Perhaps you do not know my dear that I am parched for intellectual companionship in this dead town. Not one with whom to commune one's thoughts or exchange impressions. One has to drain oneself dry from within oneself. Nor is there anyone in the States among my correspondents. Worst of all is the fact that the bit of freedom one enjoyed here by means of letters has been cut off. My mail is not only scrutinized but held for weeks, and then returned in a mess. It is therefore impossible to write about anything freely. As to expressing any view in public that too has been eliminated. All in all it is a hell of a situation in which I find myself. It was foolish of me to think I would accomplish more by coming here than in England. Actually there is still more freedom of movement and elbow space in England to day than here. In point of fact I have already been thinking whether I should not go back. At least I could cry out against the monstrous situation created by the war. If only I did not dread the repetition of my misery in England. There too, my efforts were for die Katz. No response from anybody. My return would just mean going from the frying pan into the fire. So, I am at a loss what to do.

I could get free sailing if I decided to return to England. Our darling Jeanne wrote me that Irving Pflaum of the Chicago Daily Times might consider a series of articles. He gave her a list of topics on which I might write. All very interesting but dealing with the war, everyone of them. Well, if I wrote these articles and they were published I would have to pack my trunk. I would be given den Laupesa in no time though I am His Majesty's subject. So you see the pickle in which I find myself and why I long to commune with you on this and other matters that depress my mind. So you must write me again soon, it will help me a lot.

Darling Milly your letter of Jan 17th from San Francisco although it was by air mail reached me only a week later because my mail was held up and not delivered until ten days later. ~~XXXXXXXXXX I know~~ You did not say when you would be in St Louis or Chicago so there was no sense in replying to Handshears address. Besides, one can say nothing if the letter is sent ~~by post~~ through the P.O. And as I learned that Judkin is going to Detroit this week end I decided to wait and send my letter through him. First let me tell you that I received the \$20 and five from the Arb. Ring Branch for the defense from Herman. Also I received \$20 from your San Francisco appeal which Goldblatt sent. Bless your heart my darling for helping in the struggle here for our boys. I inclose a recent statement about the Bortolotti status. The poor man was completely in when we got him out on four thousand dollars cash which was raised by our dear Italian boys here and in Detroit. He was a very sick man and it took three weeks to get him

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on his feet. Not that he has completely regained his full strength but at least he is better. His hearing takes place Tuesday and I dread what the outcome will be. Our lawyer is of course going to try his utmost to prevent Arthurs deportation to Italy. He is trying hard to induce the Imm. gang to let him remain here on a bond which some one has offered to give. If that should fail Cohen will insist that A. being given a chance to choose the country and pay his own fare. We have Chile and Mexico in mind. In fact Cohen went to New York two weeks ago to see the rotten Italian labor politicians for the ~~other~~ ~~happy~~ ~~Joquin~~ who has so messed up his own case by writing about it to the comrades in France and Belgium. His letters were apprehended and fell into the hands of the Imm outfit. Well, Cohen was promised by Belanco one of the Vice Presidents of the Amalgamated that he would get a visa for J from Chile. We are now waiting for the reply. And if A. is also to be shipped out we will try Mexico for him. I read in the Times the other day that Cardenas is giving the Spanish refugees considerable freedom. Whether it means only to the Communists or also our people I do not know. We have quite number of our Spaniards there. It would therefore not be so bad for Arthur if he could go there. Anyplace in the Southern Americas would be better than Italy. Don't you think? The trouble is whatever we will have to do will require a great deal more money than we have on hand. The Italians and Spanish comrades have already contributed so much it makes me ill to have to beg from them again. But I do not see where else to turn. The Arb Ring branches are responding to the appeal of our branch here. I have already received \$75 from Judkin who is receiving the contributions and he is also to bring me a check to day. And yet we are far from having enough.

Dearest see that the inclosed note to Canatalano gets to him without delay. I have to let him know about the hearing and about the imperative need to raise more money for the defense and I do not want to write him direct. You might also tell the Spaniards about Arthurs status. They might be able to do a little more.

I heard from Mollie again. She portests against the collection of money for her and Senia. The Jewish relief would pay their fare she writes and that is all they would need. That is nonsense of course, because they would need money to live when they got to Mexico until Senia could find a job or establish himself. Rose P. writes me that she has organized a committee of young women who knew Mollie and are very interested in her condition. I hope it is true and that they will succeed in raising couple of hundred dollars. What about your end? You say some friends of ollies want to do something. What exactly and how much. We ought to know. Meanwhile Mollie and Senia seem to be terribly hard up so I sent them \$10. It is little enough but thats all I can spare now. By the way the Institute in Amsterdam has finally written they are sending me £270 instead of the £300 I asked for our collection. In addition the present exchange of the pound has gone down considerably. So it will be with my fortune from our archives as it was with the house in St Tropez nothing or very little will be left. And it will be the last in I possess in all the world for the few years left me on this rotten earth. However that has nothing to do with our dear children. They must be helped to get away from France. The question is will Abrams secure a visa. He writes Rose he is sure of it. But Abrams like Rose are great optimists always sure of what they will achieve and they get nothing. Actually Abrams is keen on getting back to the States. Weinberger wrote me. So if he wants to get away from Mexico what reason is there to believe that Mollie and Senia would be able to get a footing there? It all seems so vague. I wonder whether Sanillian could not get them over to

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the Argentines because if M. is good for Senias profession why not the Argentines? And there they would have Santillan to help them, some intellectual and artistic connections which Abrams can not give them. What do you think dear Rudolf? I am sure Santi would try if he were asked. Let me know and also how much the friends of Mollie could raise. Mollie's address in Paris is the same and money is being delivered in France. Mollie writes it is delivered to the house if sent by the postal money order. So it is safe.

I dare say the Los Angeles Italians have sent some money to L'Adunato though it is not at all sure. I got from our friends in New York over six hundred dollars so something of the money sent from L.A. maybe included. But I am going to find out because I distrust anything that comes from the connections of MAN. Graham is too damned individualistic to grant anyone the right to do anything.

I was glad to hear that you found a few youngsters who might prove good material for our movement. Nothing here except a few disgruntled Communists unfit for anything. We had them here last Sunday. They will do nothing. They were scared stiff when I suggested they might help with a few lectures about Hitler, Stalin or the Finnish invasion. No there is no one to work with here.

By this time you will have been with our dear Jeanne. I wonder how well she succeeded with the lecture for Rudolf. She was so eager to get out a large crowd. I hope she did.

Darling better write me per Milly Desser by using double envelope. Else I may not get your letter for weeks. I understand there is a letter for me at Dessers from Detroit. Dorothy is going for it. If it is from you I will call up Judkin before he leaves and add a few words to this.

I embrace you both lovingly

Katherine address
Mme. Marko Blechins
29 rue des Volontaires
Paris XV

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Feb. 9th 40

Dear Nic. Whatever is the matter with you that you have not written me after you saw Cohen. Or have you written and the letter is held up? I would prefer this to be the case rather than to feel you have grown less interested in the struggle here. I have a chance to have this taken to Detroit and mailed by air to you. So it will have to be only a few lines.

Arthur's hearing is set for Tuesday. Whatever the outcome will be we must be ready with a substantial sum of money in case he is given permission to choose the country he wants to go to Mexico or Chile. So far we have not yet heard from Belanco in re the Chile visa for Joaquin. He promised to try hard to get the visa. In fact he sent off a air mail letter to the Chilean government for the visa and he seems to be sure of getting it. Let us hope so. Then will come the same procedure for Arthur which will require considerable money again. And Cohen will have to be paid for the two immigration cases. I hate like hell to worry you and the other comrades but I do not know whom else to turn. So I must beg you to try your utmost and let me hear from you by return mail. Better address me c/o Mrs Beekie Longbord 323 Palmerston Blvd. Use double envelope. The inside just E. the outside to comrade Beekie Longbord. If you can send some money make it out the usual way but send it in the letter to Beekie. She is one of our best comrades and absolutely reliable.

There is just a bare possibility that the Immigration gang may consent that Arthur remain here on a bond. We have a Canadian who offers to put up the bond and C. will try hard to get this accepted. But of course we are not sure. We can only hope because A. wants very much to remain here. Naturally, he has his roots here and is known and highly respected by the Italian anti Fascist Community and by all the comrades Italian and Jewish. No one knows to well what it means trying to take root in new soil. I have gone through now for 21 years and I can tell you it is no picnic. That's why we are trying so hard to get a stay for A. Certainly Cohen will do everything. And because he is so eager and so effective we will have to also give him another fee for the Immigration cases. Anyhow do what you can dear Nic. And let me hear from you by return mail to the address I have here.

In great haste with much ~~affection~~ comradely affection to you and all the comrades.

Can you let me know whether the Italian comrades in Los Angeles have sent money to L'Adunato. Billy Roedker was told that they have and that is why they could not contribute more.

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Feb. 10th 40

Dear Nic. After I sent off a letter to you with a friend who went to Detroit yours of the 7th inst arrived with the inclosed check for \$25. I confess I was getting very anxious over your silence. No, I did not think you had grown indifferent to the continued struggle here. How could I ever think that with the interest, devotion and eagerness you have shown from the very beginning of our trouble. My anxiety was aroused because you had always been so prompt in your replies and then suddenly stopped writing altogether. I feared you were ill and also that you were disappointed in Cohen. I am very much relieved that neither was the case.

There is really nothing new to tell besides I gave you all the news in my letter that will reach you via D. I can only repeat that J.L. did not hear from Belanco. If you have a way of finding out whether he has heard from his Chilean friends please do and write me without delay. You can imagine the state of mind of Marcos to be kept in complete suspense. He was seen yesterday by several friends. They found him rather depressed which is not surprising. He has been incarcerated over four months like a dumb beast because he does not know English. In the case of Arthur it was different. Cohen used to visit him two three times a week and have an hour or so with him without being watched. Not that they had any secrets, but they had the feeling of freedom while J.L. was with Arthur. He also could talk to M. through Arthur. Now it would mean five dollars or more each time for an interpreter and the expenses have been so high we had to economize every step. So poor M. is left much to himself. It is fortunate that he is not like A. fire and flame. M. is placid and he has managed to soothe instead of ruffle the guards. They actually told one of our friends "we like M.J. he gives us no trouble". Please do not hold this against the boy. We all differ temperamentally. There never were two such contrasts as A. and M. However, M. is depressed. It is for this reason that I am so anxious to know if Belanco has achieved something.

A. is physically very much better but he worries about M. His hearing will take place Tuesday the 15th. Then the intensive activity will begin. It is for this reason that I wrote you yesterday we will need considerable means to meet every emergency. I wish I would not have to stress this, but there is no escape from the fact confronting us. I am sure you and the other comrades have already strained every effort to the breaking point. I really don't see how you can do more. And yet I know more will have to be done to save A. It occurred to me whether it were not possible to get a loan among Italians interested in A.'s case to be paid back so much a month. Of course it would have to be at your end because our Italian friends in this city and Detroit have already gone beyond their resources in raising the cash bail. I know that we have nobody of means in our ranks. But perhaps among serious anti Fascists. After all it was Arthurs intensive anti Fascist activities which got him into trouble. Let me know what you think of my suggestion of a loan sufficient to fight on to save A. and M.

I am very glad indeed that you too were impressed by J.L. he is certainly interested in our friends. He knows what they stand for and he is among the few outstanding legal minds in this city.

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I have recently found out ~~hixx~~ the explanation for his money complex. He had a very prosperous practice, an elaborate office, and expensive car and a beautiful home. Then he became the attorney for the Labor Defense. You know how unscrupulous they are. Well, they drained him dry and gave him nothing in return. In addition he lost his outside practice which had been lucrative. The result, he was ruined and lost everything. He had to begin from the very bottom again and though he is again on the way to success he is far from what he had before. Naturally he is now on his guard and he insists on being remunerated according to his worth. It does not help us, does it dear comrade? But at least ~~it~~ it does explain J.L.'s in the material question, in money. As I have often written you I do not regret for a moment having engaged the man. Without him our boys would probably be serving time and then be kicked out. With ~~Cox~~ to look after their interests they have received some semblance of justice as far as this is possible under the present system.

I will write you again after the hearing. Meanwhile you will please continue to send your letters as per last address.

Fraternally

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Toronto Feb. 11th 40

Dearest Fitz. Please read my letter to Harry and then get it to him as quickly as possible. Last night I wanted to send you a night letter for Harry. Then I decided that I can do better in a letter because you maybe out of town and so maybe Harry. I hope ~~you will~~ this will find you in New York and that you will be able to get to H.W as I want an answer by Tuesday.

I suppose ~~rather~~ ^{and} you or the rest of my friends will think me crazy that I refuse the chance to get back to the States just on a visit. And yet I hope you will understand. You always do. The very thought of having to watch every step and count every word while on a visit in America gives me shivers. It is painful enough here to be compelled to keep silent while my whole being is convulsed with indignation against the frightfulness in the world. O, I realize that nothing I might do would have the slightest effect on the world situation. Its not that. It is that ~~which~~ I feel all bottled up and I stifle in the atmosphere of cowardly silence. At least, I am not known here and there is no public opinion of any sort to which to appeal. It is different in America. My whole life is centered there. I know if I could speak out I would be heard by the few at least, if not by the many. Also I could raise some money to save Arthur E. and for my unfortunate Spanish friends. What sense would it have to come on a visit if that implies inactivity and silence? I just could not face it.

As I wrote Harry as a visitor I have no place to go to. Moe and Babsie would be overjoyed to have me and I would love to stay with them. But they live out of New York and the expense of travel there and back would cost as much as a room in a hotel. This however would mean a large expense which I couldn't afford. Also I should not like to have some of my friends pay for the pleasure which will be no pleasure to me anyhow. All in all, I think we must make sure what restrictions will be involved in a visa for a visit. Please darling rush the letter to H.W.

Not a word from Belanco or anyone of the people Cohen has seen. I am worried sick that the boy for whom Belanco was to intercede maybe rushed out of the country if ~~the~~ B. fails. Or Cohen will have to go back to New York to try other means. That will again cost hundred dollars. Then there is A's hearing Tuesday. That will bring with it an order of deportation which while not the last resort will mean trips to Ottawa and other intensive efforts of J.L. And nothing coming in except the small sums sent me from Detroit and a few dollars from New York. I am nearly at my whits end. The fact that you have not written J.L. or me proves that you have achieved nothing with the Italiens. Frankly I do not know where to turn.

Write me dearest if you have seen anyone of the Labor outfit again.

With love.

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SIX
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MEGÈVE
(HAUTE-SAVOIE) - FRANCE

TÉL. 118

Feb. 13, 1940.

Dear Emma:

I had heard from several people that you were far, far away, and I do hope you are working and as surrounded by friends and happiness as you deserve to be there. I did not know your address until yesterday, when Eve Adams wrote me from Nice. I had sent her some books to sell and asked her if she had any of Emmy's letters, as I am getting a book together partly written by Emmy when she lived here with us two years ago, partly compiled of her letters, and partly an introduction written by myself, I suppose, although that part of it I have not entirely worked out yet. Emmy had wished to finish this book but was so ill after leaving here that she never could - however a great part of it is done and her letters will serve to supplement it adequately. I wondered, then, if you would have any letters that you would lend me for a few months? I say a few months because the time to get them to me, and even though I would make a point of copying them at once, it would still mean another month for them to reach you again. If you would care to send them to me, I would be grateful to you, dear Emma, and I would be very pleased if you would consent to read the mss. before it is submitted to a publisher - and anything you yourself might wish to add would be most valued.

I know I was one of Emmy's closest friends, and I believe Sasha loved me dearly too, and this book I wish to be a sort of true and tender record of what Emmy was. To me, she was so rare

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and human a spirit that I want something of
her to remain other than in our hearts.

Again all my best thoughts to you, and all
our wishes that things go well with you. I
would be so happy to have some word from you
before too long a time.

Affectionately,

Kay Boyle [Signature]

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Dear Rudolf, my dear Milly, last week and a half I went to Detroit to see you both. It was his first holiday in years. You can imagine his disappointment when he did not find you. The Saturday after he left I received a letter from George saying you had to be taken to a hospital. The thought of the possibility of arranging ten lectures for you is simply colossal. To them we are only so much paper. We have no other existence. This has always been and always will be I suppose. But you my dear Rudolf should not consent to such arrangements. Yes, I know you and I are still very young. Still our hearts are playing tricks on us and we simply are forced to face it. Or was it anything else that made you go to the hospital? I am awfully anxious as you can well imagine. My letter to you also contained a letter to one of our fine Italian comrades, Nic Catalano which I asked you darling Milly to get to him. Well the letter is no longer important as I have a chance to write him through the same friend who will bring this letter to Dwight I wish I knew with whom you will stop the letter would be brought straight to you. ~~Or will be sent to you through the letter to Dwight. He will no longer know how to reach you.~~

Well since I wrote you the thing we expected had happened. Arthur had a hearing and was presented with an order of deportation. Fortunately on a more technicality which will be easier to fight than if the order had been based on his political ideas. Canada also has a rigid anti Anarchist law which prevents entry. But A. is charged with having entered illegally which is absurd because his absence from Canada was only for fifteen months ~~which~~ while his domicile in O. ~~was~~ is nearly twenty years. However, though the ruling in re his deportation ~~will~~ gives us a greater chance of winning it will not lessen the expenses now confronting us. A new fee for the lawyer, the expense of wide spread publicity, trips to Ottawa and New York and a lot more. And what is worse we must have a fighting cheat at once as we must act quickly. Knowing that our poor comrades have already contributed a lot and that they could not possibly raise another thousand in a hurry I have written the Italians and Spaniards in Detroit and New York to raise a loan which the comrades might pay off in monthly instalments. I hope they will do it. As to A. we not only mean to increase our efforts to keep him here but in case of failure we are now going to work on a visa to "exco" so that he can be saved from Italy by this method. A similar attempt is being made for the other except that the application was made by Belanco one of the Vice Presidents of the Amalgamated for the entry into Chile. That was about 15 days ago but so far have no reply while the imm authorities are pressing our attorney to make an end of Marcos J. case. I tell you I have not had a moment's peace since Oct 4th, and there is no saying how much longer the anxiety will go on.

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Last Saturday I had a wire from Harry W. telling me to apply to the American Consulate in this city for a visa for a visit. He had written me some weeks ago that he would write a letter to Roosevelt to grant me a visa. Naturally, when I got the wire I thought he had a reply from Wash to go ahead, but as he said nothing about the string attached to a visit I wired him for information. Well to day I received a night letter to the effect that he had had no reply but he still urged I should apply for a visa to visit my people. I am quite certain the Consulate here will refuse. Six years ago when Wash had ordered the Consulate here to give me a visa the Consul held it up for ten days because he hated to see me return to the States. So it is not likely he will grant me a visa without some action on the part of Wash.

Aside of whether he would or would not what sense is there to visit the States when I am sure to be gagged while there unable to be heard in anyway, or appear in public? It is bad enough to be gagged here but it would be unbearable in America. As to visits Stella has already announced her visit for March, Moe will come again in the summer. And all the other members of my family will come if they really want to see me, and so will the comrades. Travel in the summer by bus is cheap. It is ridiculous to ask for a visa for visiting purposes. Besides I will feel most unhappy if every word I say and every move I will make will be under surveillance. Anyhow there is no hurry to decide. I cannot get away until Arthurs fate is decided. I will see then.

Mail continues to be ^{held} up and kept for long periods. I gave Milly Desser as a cover address but the snoopers traced me anyhow. So now I cannot use her name any more. If you could give me along a few lines through the comrade who will bring this to Zweig, yes I will send it to Zweig it will reach you quicker, that would be fine. Else write me to my regular address. The letter will be much delayed in delivery but it cannot be helped.

Well, my dear I hope you will soon be through with the tour and then take a complete rest for a year from lecturing. Little enough can be done in this madness of the world. And you certain need to preserve your strength.

With love to both of you.

Emma

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Dear Nic. It was good to hear your voice last night. You cannot imagine what it meant to Arthur to have a few words with you. He was all excited but so very pleased. And I was happy to have A. here just when you phoned.

I am writing this while waiting to be called by you as you said you would. A comrade is going to Detroit to night so I am taking the opportunity to write you to explain or rather clarify what I sent you by night letter and last night over the phone. It is this; Arthur was questioned mainly on his having lived in Detroit for a time while he was working there. This makes his return to Canada illegal. And it was on this ground, and not because of his ideas that he was ordered deported. Had he been questioned about his ideology we would have had no chance of saving him from deportation because Canada has the same severe anti-Anarchist laws as America. But with the attempt to deport him on a technicality there is a chance and we mean to use it to the limit. Another thing in Arthurs favor is new material we found proving the participation of the Fascists to get A. out. This is particularly important because A's case will now have a wider appeal as if he were to be shoved out because he is an Anarchist. So we are rather hopeful.

We have already gotten together for the purpose of preparing a statement of facts which is to be printed in a large quantity and spread broad cast through Canada and A. We are preparing a campaign to canvas all organizations in this city, and we have been promised publicity by the Toronto Star. In addition Cohen is preparing to go to Ottawa with one or two influential people who can do much with the Minister of Imm. Lastly Cohen will also have to go back to New York partly for Marcos case, and partly also to begin preliminary negotiations for a Mexican visa for A. Some one we know here has connections with the Mexican Consul in New York. We mean to work through him because we want to be prepared for the emergency of our losing the fight against A's deportation. But first we are going to work day and night to rouse interest in the cruel outrage to send A. out just because in his twenty years domicile in Canada he was absent a short period. We must stress this in order to get the cooperation of the best elements among the Liberals.

Because of all this and also because we must act quickly I suggested the loan of thousand dollars. Surely among the many anti Fascist Italians there will be someone who might extend the loan for which the comrades will of course have to ~~pledge~~ pledge monthly payments. It is certain that if we can keep A. here he can earn enough to pay back the loan or make monthly payments. Anyhow the matter is urgent and I hope you will succeed in getting it. You have no idea how rotten I feel to have to beg from you and all the other comrades knowing as I do how poor and hard pressed they are. But I am driven by the thought of Arthur being sent to Italy. It gives me no peace day and night. After all whom should I appeal to and who is there who feels Arthurs plight so well as his own comrades. So

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I have also written Gonzalez about the situation. Rather I sent him a night letter. As the comrade who is leaving for Detroit is waiting I cannot also send a detailed letter to comrade Gonzalez but I would appreciate if you would see him and tell him all the particulars contained here. There is a possibility that Cohen may have to go to New York. You see he has heard nothing from Belanco who has undertaken to get a Chilean visa for Maroz. The authorities in Ottawa are pressing Cohen to close the case, meaning that they want to ship him out. They wanted Cohen to show cause why he should not be deported tomorrow. Cohen begged off until next Wed. If he does not hear from Belanco until tomorrow or Saturday he will have to go to New York. I will let you know if he does. Meanwhile you or your brother may have gotten in touch with Belanco and you may know what to expect. Cohen told me he met your brother in Belanco's office.

Well, I must close as the comrade has to leave so I will not wait until you call me to night.

With greetings to all the comrades

Fraternally

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Dearest Fitz. Something was certainly the matter with your voice when I phoned. Perhaps you had been asleep, or as you said you had a cold. But it sounded so empty of interest and feeling when I told you A. had been ordered deported it really shocked me. However I may be mistaken. Well Arthur is face to face with the gravest danger. I am almost at my wits end because absolutely nothing has come from New York outside of the contributions of the Italian and Spanish comrades. True they helped most generously but deportation cases swallow an awful lot of money. In point of fact there is little left from the \$12 already contributed and at least another thousand will be necessary to fight the case. Knowing how slowly our people move in money matters I asked the Italians through the man I talked to last night if they could raise a loan of thousand dollars that they might pay back in monthly instalments. I am waiting to hear what they have decided. If they should not be able to do it it will be impossible to continue or to increase the campaign. You see it is not only the lawyers fee, its trips to Ottawa and New York. It is the cost of publicity by printed means, and there are other expenses involved as you so well know. Somebody may have to be sent to sit on the door steps of the rotten Italian unions since you have no time to do that and they will not budge unless they are constantly pestered. Any how I am really worn out with the need of begging and fretting.

Cohen may go to New York, I mean he may have to go in behalf of our other case. Belanco not only promised but he actually wrote to the Chilean government in re admission for the other boy. So far there is no reply of Belanco. Cohen tried to get hold of him by phone yesterday. He was not in his office but ill at home. I am expecting C. this evening, if still no reply from Belanco C. will have to go to New York because Ottawa is pressing him about the other case. They want to rush him to Italy. The very thought makes me shiver.

It was no use for me to expect letters would reach me if addressed to someone else. The P.O. authorities have got on to it. So if you write better continue to my old address. If you could send it air mail special delivery I would get it quickly, otherwise it means a week or ten days delay.

I heard from H.W. to day that he had no reply from Wash. He still insists on my applying for a visa. I had a hell of a time six years ago. Even after the Dept of Labor and Immigration had ordered the visa the man here was abudurate and held up the matter for ten days. It is therefore certain he will not act now without any previous instructions from Wash. Besides what should I do on a ~~visa~~ visit. I cannot just come and plant myself on your or Pauline or Stella. Living in New York is expensive and unless I have some assurance of earning money I do not see how I could meet the expense. But mainly it is the feeling of being caged, or watched in all my movements. I do not think I will be able to face it. Well, there is no hurry I have to wait until the cases here are cleared and then I might apply though without hope of being granted a visa even for a visit. If you know anything new in re the unions

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who had promised to act please let me know
or write direct to Cohen. Mr J.L.Cohen K.C. 100 Adelaide Street
Toronto Ont.

Please shaw this letter to Pauline and give her my love. I
have not heard from her for ages.

Devoted love to you.

Emma

In my letter to H.W. I mentioned the fact that I would have very few
places to go to if I came on a visit. I metioned that Pauline might have
me but she was on the third floor and as I thought has no elevator.
I don't want Pauline to think that I take it for granted that she should
put me up. Of course not. Please tell her that.

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February 15th. 1940.

Dear N. D.

News of your wife requesting a telephone call reached very late last night. Having no telephone in the house I had to go out in the midst of a snow storm such as I had never seen before. I am rather grateful I had such an experience but when I spoke with you I was rather dazed. You certainly do not remember it, but I have spoken with you over the telephone once before about 22 years ago, when you were in Boston. I have seen you personally just once, at a "Proletarian" social gathering in 1925. You spoke in Yiddish, which I could not understand of course, Voline in French. Borstein also was there but if he also spoke I did not reach in time to hear him. It was not a large gathering, but a very selected one, each one with a part to play. Some of them have passed away, some others are suffering at this time for their ideas. Of them all, Voline is the only one who has gone bad — as far as I know or recall. All this was passing through my mind while you were speaking, and something else besides — so if I sounded cold to you or Arthur, it was not on account of the snow or of the storm. I am not old as yet, I still hope to have a few more decades in which to continue what I have been trying to do during the last twenty-six or twenty-seven years, but I already feel that this continuity, this persistence of character and conviction among our comrades must be a great consolation when the declining age comes. If it comes.

As to your request for a loan there is nothing I can tell you this morning besides what I said last night. I shall see the Spanish Friends this afternoon and then write to you again. One thing I can tell you now tho: that among the comrades I know there is not one who can afford to lend a one hundred dollar bill. The last I have seen yesterday, after receiving your letters proposed to try if the Spanish comrades can afford to advance the money upon promise of reimbursement as it is raised.

Your financial report has been published in the current issue of the paper. As to the letter, which you did not ask if it was to be published

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we thought the best thing to do was to make a synthetic translation which has also been published, as you will see.

I was very happy to be able to speak with Arthur also. I had seen him only once before so I could not recognize his voice, of course. He seems to be worried about the trouble he says he is causing the comrades here, but as I told him he should not worry. What is happening to him through causes not ~~of~~ ^{from} him, might have happened to others, it may happen to many another in the future. ~~Solidarity~~ Solidarity is not just an argument to develop in theoretic discussion. Our only regret is that we cannot do more.

I feel sorry for Marco. But if they deliver him to the fascists of Italy they will show not only their cruelty but also their stupidity, since a man like that cannot hurt anybody except himself. It is a tragedy.

Enclosure: a check for \$24.08 to help ^{meet} expenses for the defense.

Hoping to be able to give you more news later in the day, I send you and Arthur and all the friends my greetings.

Nick.

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February 16, 1940

Dearest Emma:

Funny I didn't recognize your voice - I had come home sick with a cold and had been to sleep - so guess I was a little dippy. I have gotten after Alvano, Bellanco, Giovanniti, Carlo Alex (though he will be out of town until Sat.) to see what can be done about raising money quickly - also asked Bellanco to put his mind on some country outside of Italy for Bertilotti in case the fight for him was lost. Also had Harry wire you - he said he did - he had made no promises, or restrictions upon your movements provided you were allowed into the States. His idea is to try to get you in without stating under what conditions you would be willing to come in - get in first, is his idea - and it seems to me a pretty good idea, too.

I followed up the ones that Mr. Cohen saw while here and they promised to help with money- but it seems that promises do not mean very much. I wrote Carlo to see what he could do about getting money quickly - he told me that he would do whatever I asked him to do - so I asked him to get some money together as quickly as possible. If the group there want to refuse it - well, they can for all I care if they want to let their prejudices go that far. . .

I have been terribly busy with this Finnish Relief in the theatres, and also been sick with a bad cold. Am at the office before ten and do not get home to bed till nearly one o'clock at night.

Where did you get the idea that Pauline had to walk up to her apartment - she's in a very fine place, all modern, elevator and everything.

I must now dash to the Morosco Theatre to count the cash collected in tin cans at the theatres last night. Wish I could send it on to you. . .

Love

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Feb. 17, 1940.

Dear Mr. Holmes:

I was delighted to get your letter and deeply interested in all you have to say about your disillusionment in Russia and your inner struggle before you came to see and admit the mistakes you have made. Now I understand your disillusionment. It was also the greatest shock of my life and that of my late comrade, Alexander Berkman. We, too, believed implicitly that Lenin was articulating the dreams and aspirations of the Russian people in the Revolution. We struggled desperately for two years. A number of people, after they had read my book "My Disillusionment in Russia", insisted that we were disappointed because we did not see Anarchism realized by Lenin and his comrades. I have pointed out in my preface to the English edition of my book that I never expected such a foolish thing for Anarchism to spring from the womb of Czarism. I knew before I reached Russia that at best the Revolution will have gained fundamental and political changes for the Russian masses. And it was because I failed to find even a semblance of improvement for the workers or the peasants and in addition found the beginning of political dictatorship that I was so bitterly disappointed. Nevertheless, we fought for two years, Berkman and I, often thinking that we were at fault, that we did not understand the meaning of revolution and that as long as Russia was surrounded by different fronts we must be patient not to expect the impossible.

Then came the Kronstadt massacre in March 1921, the arrest and exile of some of the finest types among the Social Revolutionists, the Revolutionists and the Anarchists, the banishment of workers and peasants regardless of their political ideas and the nightly shootings. All that made us realize that the Russian Revolution had been hitched to the chariot wheel of the Communist State and that Lenin, Trotsky and their group had separated the people from the Revolution. In other words, that they were the executioners of the Revolution. It was then that we decided to leave Russia and to use our pen and our voices to show up the colossal illusion and snare introduced by the Jesuitic methods of the Bolshevik Party. Indeed, our disappointment was the most terrible shock of our lives. It nearly killed me, for I came out a physical wreck and ~~without~~ having lost faith, no, not in the Revolution, but in the big masses at large who were blind, deaf and dumb to the terrible things that were going on in Russia.

Since the ascendancy of Stalin to power, I have maintained that he was merely continuing in the terrible work begun by Lenin and his comrades. I, therefore, had to call your attention to the fact that you and the other liberals not only have erred in the past, but even now you seem to cling to the idea that Lenin had introduced the millennium, that Lenin was truly expressing the promise of the Russian Revolution, that it was he who introduced new ventures and new efforts in Russia. You say, yourself, "I paid my tribute to the

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economic experiment, as involving the possibility of an economic liberation to match the political liberation which followed upon the French Revolution." That is just it, dear Friend, You evidently did not realise that there was nothing, or very little, in the economic experiment, because the first four years of the civil war was dedicated entirely to destroying what was useful and best in the old regime with nothing that helped the Russian people to take their place. And when the so-called experiment was begun, it was by means of strengthening state capitalism and in complete ~~and~~ ^{more} ~~and~~ ^{Charles} slavery of the Russian masses. This naturally led to a political despotism far ^{more} devastating than the political status in Russia under the Czar, especially when the first Duma was introduced. You refer to the liquidation of the Kulaks which ended in the extermination of ten million peasants. Mr. Chamberlain gave a very gruesome picture of it. But even he failed to treat the enslavement of the Russian Proletariat and the annihilation of tens of thousands of lives by means of slow death in the concentration camps. The intensive preparation for war, while the Russian population was slowly starving, or passing to death. That was the actual situation in Russia under Lenin and has continued ever since Stalin came to power.

Unfortunately, none of the liberals in America or in any of the other countries where the fellow-travellers would admit it. Not only that, but they raised the cry of anathema against everyone who had the courage to speak out and show up the whole terrible fake which they must have known existed in Russia. I can understand such hypocrisy and deliberate lying on the part of a man like Fisher, or Dr. Ward, or ever so many others. They became the willing tool of the Soviet government to blindfold the American and European intelligentsia. I could understand Romain Rolland, because I knew that he had married a young Russian and that he was entirely under her influence. But I could not understand Professor Dewey, or Dreiser, or even you, dear Mr. Holmes. My only explanation was that all of you had unfortunately believed that the Soviet government and the Third International were synonymous with the Russian Revolution. Yes, it sometimes takes an earthquake, or such a frightful thing as the pact between Stalin and Hitler, or such an outrage as the invasion of Finland to shake people out of their blindness and their religious clinging to a phantom. For this reason I welcome your final admission of the mistakes you have made. I have not yet read Mr. Stolberg's book, but the very fact that he has been so viciously attacked by the Communists and their fellow-travellers is proof to me that his book must be worthwhile. I am going to write for it, as I am now not in a position to buy books dealing with the questions I am so keenly interested in.

A group of books - friends of mine in Chicago who represent the Alexander Berkman Political Fund have just issued a book called "The Guillotine - Twenty years of terror in Russia." I suggested that they send you a copy, which I hope you will be able to review. The author of the work is a Russian kept for a long time in prison and then deported out of Russia. He was part and parcel of the Revolution and he has gathered a world of material which shows conclusively that the betrayal of the Russian Revolution was begun under Lenin and is merely continued as the heritage for Stalin. It exposes the fantastic notion that Lenin was humane, that he didn't believe

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that the end justifies the means, that he did not order thousands of people to concentration camps, or to be shot in the secret cellar of the Cheka. In point of fact, even Lenin merely carried out the gospel of Marxism, which, of course, is the bible for all Socialist schools. I have only recently finished reading a biography of Marx by E. H. Carr. I want to say at once that the author is most sympathetic with Marx and his theory, but he has nevertheless given a remarkable portraiture of the fanaticism, intolerance and Jesuitism of Marx, who would have no other god beside him. I know that you, as a Socialist, might say that the Bolsheviks from the very beginning were abused and misinterpreted their master. But with that I wish to say it isn't the abuse of power it is the thing itself - power. I have all my lifetime maintained that power is more devastating than wealth. Many people of great fortunes have contributed lavishly out of their possessions to the good of Man, in science, in art, in humanistic ways. But never to my knowledge has any despot, tyrant, or dictator used his power for the good of mankind.

I feel with you about the Union and The New Republic. I became nauseated with both for a number of years. It is only since the fact that I began reading them again in the hope that they would give the courage to admit their criminal mistakes in regard to Russia. I remember well a letter I had from Freda Kirchwey over my stand on Russia. She wrote many other things that she agreed with me in many things, but that I was working into the hands of the common enemy. Far from having learned anything, Freda, since she became the owner of The Nation, seems to be unwilling to free herself from her superstition that we must cry holy murder against any wrong in the United States and approve of every crime committed in Russia. Of course, she is not alone. I wonder how my friend Roger Baldwin feels now. He was another one who clung to the Communists and their methods, though he knew what was going on in Russia. I am waiting for him to write me whether he has undergone a change.

Thank you for the offer to help us in the struggle for our two Italian friends. Help is sorely needed. So far we haven't succeeded in rousing public opinion here, for the simple reason that Toronto is almost barren of public-spirited men and women. Bortolotti's hearing took place last Tuesday and he was ordered deported. We are now organizing a more extensive campaign to prevent this outrage. Early next week we will have a printed statement, copies of which I will send you. Our attorney, Mr. J.L. Cohen, will most likely have to go to New York next Wednesday in behalf of our two friends. I am very anxious that you two should meet. I will, therefore, write you again on Monday to give you the exact time of his arrival. I know that he will put up at the Beaufort Hotel. Will you please not fail to get in touch with him. He will explain the situation and will show you how urgent it is for you and others in New York to help us save poor Bortolotti. Needless, to say, I will be very glad, indeed, to see you again should you come to Toronto.

Very sincerely yours,

Emma Goldman

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My dear Nic. Your special dated the 15th with check inclosed came through very quickly. I got it last night. Perhaps it will be best to continue writing no Special to the above address as an experiment. Specials have not been held up so lets try. I would send you this special but I am not sure specials are delivered Sunday in New York. Besides I feel certain you are not at Lafayette on Sunday.

About your letter I am sure you tried your best. I heard from Gonzales the night before that SIA decided to send \$200 by wire but so far it did not arrive. There must be some delay but will no doubt come. You see the SIA comrades have already contributed \$400 what with the \$200 on the way makes an awful lot of money when you consider that they carry such a frightful burden as looking after tens of thousands of their refugee. They really cannot be expected to extend a loan as they maybe called up on an day to send their last penny for help to the, ~~refu~~ refugees. I am sure you understand their position and are not angry with them because they did not consent to the loan.

As to your group I realize before I wrote you that I will have to have another thousand dollars that no one in the L'A groups can extend such a loan. I had in mind some business man among the anti-Fascists more or less sympathetic to us and the fight we are making to save our two comrades. I guess ago there used to be a comrade in the wine business I have forgotten his name who certainly could afford to extend a loan and who was always so helpfull when I was in A. As he no longer among the living, or has he lost everything? I ask because I am really at my wits end. I don't know how we are going to pull through our fight and save our boys from Mussolinis clutches. At least of Belencos efforts had succeeded we would now be free from the anxiety about M.J. But it seems that nothing need be expected from that shource. I wish we had not banked on that. Now at the zero hour when the authorities in Ottawa are pressing J.L. we do not know to whom to turn. He has succeeded in getting the case held up until next Wed. He will then go to Ottawa to plead for a further extension. ~~Butxxxxxxx~~ He may then have to go to New York. In fact he will have to devote all of next week for M.J. alone. Now you must realize that this means a large expences outside of paying the man for a whole week exclusive service to our cases, in fact to M. first. That is why I urged the loan. I am still hoping that you might get it, if not all, half. Else we will be stuck and unable to prevent the tragedy of M.J. Naturally we will not again wait until the last minute for A. If J.L. goes to New York he will also see who can help with some open door. To me it is clear as day that we cannot permit anything or anybody to stand in the way in the efforts to save our comrades.

So many things have happened since 25 and so many tragedies of ~~xxxxxx~~ world and personal importance I have quite forgotten the Kropotkin Memorial meeting in Paris. Nor have I any recollection of having met you my dear. I believe I already told you that I have no memory for names but a remarkable memory for faces. So if and when I will see you I will surely recognize you. But without that I seem to know you since we began to correspond for our victims here. Indeed you still have me

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years to continue the good work you have begun a quarter of a century ago. It is different in my case. 41 years are a load to carry. Still as long as life lasts me I too intend to continue to the end. I only wish I were not so handicapped as I am here owing to the war and also because I cannot get back to A. where I have my moorings and where I could achieve much for our ideas. Well, one must face the inevitable since there is nothing else we can do.

What makes you think your voice sounded cold to A. or me. It was only a little low so I could not get it at first. But when you spoke louder I did not feel at all that you sounded cold and I am sure neither did Arthur. I admit he is depressed and he worries very much about the expences and the imposition on the comrades. But that is foolish. A. always gave away his last penny and if any one of us were in his shoes he would do the same. Anyhow we go on doing what we consider the best and necessary for our two comrades.

Please let me hear from you again soon. I am not sure just when J.L. will reach N.Y. I will let you know in time so you and the others can see him. In any event he will stop at the Hotel Brevoort on Fifth Avenue.

Affectionate greetings to all the comrades.

Inclosed is receipt for the 484.

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[i.e. Leo Becchetti]

Dear Comrade. Please find inclosed receipt for \$24 for the defense of our two comrades. Please thank the Liberty Club for their interest and solidarity. Comrade Bortolotti has been ordered deported but we have increased our efforts and are hopeful of getting the order reversed. We are preparing a statement which will be printed and widely circulated to arouse interest in our cases in this country and the U.S. We will of course send you some of it for your information and your use.

The campaign we have begun now will require more outlay and we have had so far and we beg all our friend the Liberty Club included to give us all their help and cooperation they possibly can.

Fraternally.

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Detroit 17. 2. 40

Dear Emma,

We arrived here yesterday from Chicago. That same night I had a meeting by the Spaniards, where I met Brother Nic, who gave me your letter. I would like to write in detail about everything, but my head is still swimming and heavy after that damned grippé, and this will probably be so for the next few days, till it slowly goes away.

The experience of this tour convinced me that these super efforts are useless, at least at my age. It is not so much the physical efforts as the moral impression, that make this undertaking a torture. Everywhere you find old people that have been exhausted internally and in most cases they have to wrestle harshly with life in order to survive economically the few years they have left. As long as the U.S.A. had immigration this element would be refreshed or renewed through newcomers. But this time is passed and will never come again. The old ones however will be getting older, through sickness and psychic tiredness they are slowly dying out. A part of them become communists and can not find their way back. So, everywhere a handful of people remain. They try their best but because of their numerically weakness and moral tiredness are not able to accomplish much, furthermore, as they are involved in a thousand things and high claims are made from them which they can not fulfill. This is the same everywhere, without exception.

The only rays of hope are the English meetings, where you really meet young people that show interest in things, however scepticism is also spread among them. This, however can not be any different, because the development of social life since the last two decades went one way, which hardly allows any emigration. Anyhow, here is one element which can be worked on and promise to be prospects of the future. The foreign language propaganda will vanish completely in the next ten or fifteen years, probably sooner.

Unfortunately preliminary signs of a true American movement in our thinking hardly exist. That is why big difficulties are encountered in organizing english meetings. The foreigners can not undertake this and the American organizations that exist, mostly do not show interest in our ideas or are totally opposed to them. With the help of the so called Intelligence the Communists conquered almost all influential positions, whereas, before interest was shown to ideas of freedom. But now there is a notable disenchantment in these circles, which can not be mistaken, but it will still take some time before a complete change will take place.

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Meetings in other languages, however, make little sense today. First of all it demands too much of the speaker and can not leave a lasting impression, because the moment any enthusiasm, they awaken, blows away fast, when almost all the carriers are old people.

In Los Angeles alone I had 26 meetings, 12 in English the others in Jewish. That is enough to kill a horse. Also monetary, these undertakings do not suffice, to make it worth the while. Till we get home five months will have elapsed. And the result? If everything goes well, perhaps \$1,100 dollars so that the little life may be scantily continued. The reward does not really warrant the trouble. In Los Angeles I had the luck to deliver 6 speeches to the so called Roman Forums. The visitors are all Americans, but a element, that has to be handled carefully, mostly professionals, that are looking for new social views which they could find if we could put more good speakers in the field. I have just received a letter from Dr. Fenn in which he informs me that my deliveries were well received and at any future visits to California his Forums should be at my disposal.

In any event this is at least a start and if I would be ten years younger and would not have to put such restrictions on myself, which our unfortunate position requires, we would without doubt, many things be obtained.

In Trade Unions you can only speak english today, even in the Clothing Industries, which at one time was the unstinted monopoly of the Jewish worker, Italians and Poles are the majority. Even true Americans are found here today.

I will write to you about all these things in detail when this affair is at an end, which will be the case in a few weeks. Never did I look forward to the end of a tour with such impatience. Beside that Willy will in the meantime write you more details. Joanne already informed me about Weinbergers letter. I think you view this thing to sceptical, Emma. Should you have the occasion to come here, then do not hesitate for one second. Even if there should be certain limitations put on you. To one old friends again is worth much. Beside that I am convinced even if you could not be allowed a public appearance, plenty of opportunities exist to be perceptible. You have nothing to loose, and under circumstances you could win something. So, in your place, I would not miss the opportunity, if it should arise. Under today's circumstances it is very important to get personal contact with people, at the same occasion you could do many things for the fellows in Toronto, which you could not do under any circumstances in Canada. Think this over carefully.

Naturally we still have to wait to see if Weinbergers experiments

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will be really successful. The message I will hear, but I would like to see
the practical results with my own eyes.

That Joskin did not meet me, is really regrettable. The damn gripe
played a bad trick on me and I had to give up six meetings. It was good luck
that the meeting, which Jeanne arranged, did not have to be given up. Besides
the good moral results it also brought me 125 dollars. For that much I usual-
ly have to hold five or six meetings. We want to give the fellows our heart-
felt thanks for the nice gifts and we will write to them personally about it.

Emmanuel excuse me I have to close now. My head is getting dizzy,
I still have to be a little careful. I have so much to write to you, but you
will have to wait a little. Willy will take care of the most necessary in
the meantime.

We both embrace you heartily and wish heartily that your coming will
be very successful.

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Detroit 17/2/40.

Liebste Emma!

Wir haben gestern hier aus Chicago em. Ich hatte noch am selben Abend eine Versammlung bei dem Spalier, wo ich auch den Genossen Eie traf, der mir seinen Brief übergab. Ich sagte dir gerne ausführlich über all alles schreiben, aber der Kopf ist mir nach der verdammten Grippe noch immer ganz dusselig und schwer, und das wird wohl für die nächsten Tage noch so bleiben, bis es allmählich vergehen wird.

Die Erfahrungen dieser Tour haben mich davon überzeugt, dass solche Gewaltenspannungen völlig zwecklos sind. Wenigstens halte ich das in meinem Alter nicht mehr aus. Es ist nicht so sehr die physische Anstrengung als vielmehr der moralische Eindruck, der diese Unternehmungen zu einer Tortur macht. Überall gute Menschen, die innerlich verbrannt sind und in den meisten Fällen schwer mit dem Leben ringen müssen, um die paar Jahre, die ihnen noch beschieden sind, materiell durchzuhalten. Solange es noch eine Immigration in Amerika gab, wurde dieses Element periodisch durch neue Ankömmlinge erneuert und aufgefrischt. Aber diese Zeit ist vorüber und wird nie wieder kommen. Die alten aber werden älter, werden durch Krankheit und seelische Abspannung desolater oder sterben langsam aus. Ein Teil ist zu den Kommunisten übergegangen und kann heute nicht mehr den Weg zurück finden. So bleiben überall eine Handvoll Menschen, die zwar ihr Bestes versuchen, aber auf Grund ihrer numerischen Schwäche und moralischen Erschöpfung nicht viel ausrichten können, umsoweniger, als sie mit tausend verschiedenen Dingen beschäftigt sind und dem hohen Anspruch, die sie immer wieder gestellt werden nicht mehr nachkommen können. Das ist überall das selbe, ohne Ausnahme.

Die einzigen Lichtblicke sind die englischen Versammlungen, wo man wirklich junge Menschen trifft, die auch den Dingen Interesse entgegenbringen, obwar der Skeptizismus auch bei ihnen verbreitet ist. Das kann übrigens gar nicht anders sein, denn die Entwicklung des sozialen Lebens ist seit den letzten zwei Jahrzehnten einen Weg gegangen, der kaum noch Überschaubarkeit zulässt. Immerhin, hier ist noch ein Element, das bearbeitet werden kann und Aussichten für die Zukunft verspricht. Die fremdsprachige Propaganda wird in zehn oder fünfzehn Jahren in ganzen verschwinden, wahrscheinlich noch früher.

Unglücklicherweise bestehen vorläufig kaum die ersten Anzeichen einer rein amerikanischen Bewegung in unserm Sinne. Deshalb auch die Organisieren englischer Versammlungen grosse Schwierigkeiten. Die Ausländer können das nicht tun, und die amerikanischen Organisa-

tionen, die bestehen, besitzen meistens kein besonderes Interesse für unsere Anschauungen oder stehen diesen im ganzen feindlich gegenüber. Mit der Hilfe der sogenannten Intelligenz haben die Kommunisten fast alle einflussreichen Kreise erobert, wo man früher freihetlichen Ideen Interesse entgegenbrachte. Zwar ist jetzt eine unverkennbare Erndterung in jenen Kreisen eingetreten, die sich nicht verkennen lässt, aber es wird noch eine Zeitlang dauern, bis ein gänzlicher Wandel eintritt.

Versammlungen in anderen Sprachen aber, haben heute kaum noch einen Sinn. Sie stellen erstens zu grosse Ansprüche an den Redner und können heute auch keinen nachhaltigen Eindruck mehr hervorrufen, denn die plötzliche Begeisterung, die sie erwecken, verweht schnell, wenn ihre Träger fast nur noch alte Menschen sind.

Ich hatte in Los Angeles allein 26 Versammlungen; 12 in Englisch, die anderen in Jiddisch. Das ist genug, um ein Pferd umzubringen. Auch materiell bringen diese Unternehmungen kaum noch genug ein, dass sie sich verlohnen. Bis wir nach Hause kommen, werden fünf Monate verbraucht sein. Und das Resultat? Wenn alles gut geht, vielleicht 1100 Dollar, um das bische Leben weiter fristen zu können. Das lohnt wirklich nicht der Mühe. In Los Angeles hatte ich das Glück sechs Vorträge für die sogenannten Roman Forums zu halten. Die Besucher sind alle Amerikaner, aber ein Element, das sehr vorzuziehen angefasst werden muss, meistens Professionalisten, die nach neuen sozialen Ausblicken suchen und diese auch finden würden, wenn wir mehr gute Redner ins Feld stellen könnten. Ich habe gerade von Dr. Roman einen Brief erhalten, in dem er mir mitteilt, dass meine Vorträge sehr gut ausgenommen haben und dass mir bei jedem neuen Besuche in Californien seine Forums zur Verfügung stehen.

Das ist jedenfalls ein Anfang und wenn ich nicht noch zehn Jahre jünger wäre und mir nicht die grossen Beschränkungen auferlegen müsste, die unsere unglückselige Lage verursacht, so wäre ohne Zweifel, manche zu erreichen.

In den Trades Unions kann man heute bloss noch in Englisch sprechen, da sogar in der Bekleidungsindustrie, die einmal ein unbeschränktes Monopol der jüdischen Arbeiter war, das die Italiener, Polen, etc. die Mehrheit vernachlässigen. Sogar reine Amerikaner findet man heute dort.

Ich werde dir über alle diese Dinge ausführlich schreiben, wenn die Geschichte erst vorüber ist, was in wenigen Wochen der Fall sein wird. Ich habe dem Ende einer Tour noch nie mit solcher Ungeduld entgegengesehen. Ausserdem wird dir Milly inzwischen Näheres schreiben.

Wegen Weinbergers Brief hatte uns Jeanne bereits informiert. Ich denke, dass du die Sache zu skeptisch betrachtest, Emma. Wenn dir Gelegenheit geboten wird, hierher zu kommen, dann besinne dich keinen Augenblick.

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Sogar wenn man dir gewisse Beschränkungen auferlegen sollte. Das Nichts Wiedersehen mit alten Freunden ist allein schon viel wert. Ausserdem bin ich überzeugt, dass wenn man dir sogar kein öffentliches Auftreten gestatten sollte, es genug Gelegenheiten gibt, dich vernachlässigbar zu machen. Du verlierst hast du durchaus nichts, und gewinnen kannst du unter Umständen manches. Nein, ich an deiner Stelle, würde die Gelegenheit gewiss nicht verpassen, wenn sie mir geboten würde. Unter den heutigen Umständen ist es besonders wichtig, mit Menschen persönlich in Berührung zu kommen, und du könntest bei dieser Gelegenheit auch manches für die Genossen in Toronto tun, was du von Canada aus unter keinen Umständen tun kannst. Überlege dir das gut.

Natürlich bleibt noch immer abzuwarten, ob Weinbergers Versuche wirklich erfolgreich sein werden. Die Botenschaft höre ich wohl, allein ich möchte gern das praktische Resultat vor meinen Augen sehen.

Dass Judkin mich nicht getroffen hat, war wirklich zu schlecht. Die verdammte Grippe hat mir einen schlimmen Streich gespielt, und ich musste sechs Versammlungen aufgeben. Ein Glück, dass ich die Versammlung, die die Jeanne arrangierte, nicht aufgeben musste, ausser dem guten moralischen Erfolg brachte sie mir 125 Dollar ein. Dafür muss ich sonst fünf und sechs Versammlungen abhalten. In Wir danken den Genossen herzlich für die schönen Geschenke und werden ihnen persönlich darüber schreiben.

Entschuldige, ich muss jetzt abbrechen. Mir schwindelt der Kopf und ich muss noch ein wenig vorsichtig sein. Ich habe dir soviel zu schreiben, aber du musst noch etwas warten. Hilly wird inzwischen das Nötigste besorgen.

Wir warnen dich beide von ganzem Herzen und wünschen besonders deinem Kommen den besten Erfolg.

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My dearest Emma,

Not a single excuse would justify my long silence. I know it too well myself as to begin with apologies, besides I am really ashamed to start at all with that writing. Only knowing you, my dear Emma, with your good heart and wonderful understanding I dare to hope that you will forgive me this time at least. You can be assured that it was not lack of love and friendship to you, neither neglectance or just laziness. Only that I am in such a state for months that I don't write to anybody, not even to Lisa. Shameful enough, but I can't help myself. And what is the use writing miserable letters and annoy other people with them? So I preferred not to write at all till the bad conscience did not give me anymore peace.

It is so long ago already since I got your letters, but I still remember how happy I had been then. I even felt somehow proud about the fact that you did find time to write to me, you big Emma to me the little and unworthy one. Then the enclosures you sent me for which I was so thankful and which I read with such an interest. For days I was full with everything you had written and looked already forward to your next letter. But how could I expect one when never writing myself. I only wondered that you still cared to ask about me in your letters to Lisa, and each time she wrote it to me I got more and more ashamed about my disgusting behaviour.

But it is no use to cry over spilt milk as one says, what I did I can't change, so I only can promise you to change myself for good. And now enough about this business.

Now, what shall I write you about myself? There is so much and yet nothing. To tell it in a few words only: I am not very happy since I came home again. First of all I can't find a job and this is of course the main reason which depresses me so much. I tried almost everything in these nine months to secure a position, but there must be always something at the end. Everything I tried to undertake or hoped for went off and sometimes I am losing all my patience. May be you will understand me how much I wished to do some active work, to be useful, to create something. Not in vain did I live with you under the same roof and only after parting from you I realised how much I was inspired by you, my dear Emma. I know it was without your willing or any purpose and I would never complain about it. In the contrary I am only thankful to you and always will be so. To meet you was for me the best school of life. Please do not smile about it, I am quite earnest about it.

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As I do not like to stay at home I went to Tel-iviv where I stayed for almost 5 months, but as I could not find there also anything I had to return home. For two months I lived with my sister helping her to nurse the baby, now, at last, my mother took a flat and I have again a real home. Only, I don't think I will stay there for long unless I find a job, I must live for myself, it is much better for me and my mother too, but unfortunately one can't do things one likes best. So is life and in these difficult times one must be satisfied. It is only not so easy. And then I had so many disappointments in all other things, so altogether did not make me happy and may be you will understand me now better why I did not write the whole time. As I said already I don't like people getting miserable letters.

And you, my dear Emma, how are you? I was so glad to hear that you are feeling so much better in Canada, I hope you still are. When I read your letter I only realised what all these years in London must have been for you. I don't think it is necessary to say how much I am interested to hear about your doings, about everything concerning you. I only hope that you will not resent me and though I do not deserve it you will write to me as soon as you can. Will you? I would be so happy.

My small nephew is already a big boy of 8 months, a very sweet baby and brings much joy and happiness in the house.

From Lisa we hear rather often. The poor one, she too is not very happy now. I think she wrote to you about that awful tragedy which happened to Javitzs? The life is very cruel sometimes, but that is nothing new. How is all your family? Have you got the chance at last to see your mother? And where is Jack? Did he come home or still studying in England?

That is all for that time, I am really sorry for this boring letter, but you shall know at least that I did not forget you and still love you very much. And please forgive me once more that long silence of mine, I promise you that it will never happen again.

All the best, dearest Emma.

With much love,

Yours Luben ?

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The above letter was written to Emma Goldman Saturday, February 17th. The same evening Emma suffered from a stroke, a clot in the brain, became unconscious and was taken to Toronto General Hospital, where she now is. On Sunday, my son flew to Milwaukee, Wis., and coming back ran into a severe storm and narrowly escaped disaster. Fortunately he was able to fly back Sunday afternoon.

32 N. State St., Chicago, Ill., February 17, 1940.

My dear Mommy,

There was such a big, beautiful, healthy, red sun this morning at seven, apparently coming out of the cold lake. I rode down with Brutus who has to be at the hospital at 2 A.M. Then I went to see a colored man who has pneumonia. He was better and didn't have to go to the County Hospital, for which he was grateful. I had a pork chop for breakfast (which is against the diabetic rules; at home they give me insulin and a weighed diet.)

I am thinking about the things that is and was and will be. I wonder if there is such a friendly sun in Toronto for you, and if a new sun and a new hope is rising in Russia, Finland, and Germany and England and Japan and China. How beautifully happy and healthy the world could be. I wonder why we poor mortals go on destroying each other, exploiting and refusing mutual aid.

Poor dear E. G., with such great talents, isolated in bleak Canada, unable to talk, write and do such great things, so many things the world needs. Why? Yes, why so many in the trenches, concentration camps. Why?

Poor dear Russia, with such a splendid opportunity to make Socialism a living force in the world, fighting, murdering, crushing the hope and dreams of millions of the most worth-while people on the face of the earth. Even this type later refuses to be cooperative.

As I sat in the comfortable hall, listening to Rucker, I wondered why you couldn't be doing the same thing. But why lecture? What lectures or exploitation? What will do good? What will help? I do not wonder why you couldn't be will stop the war or ex-

How are we going to stop men and women from drinking? are we going to stop lovers and families from making each other unhappy? You see the horrors of War and Poverty; I see the misery of gambling and drinking, petty quarrelling and jealousy, the desire for revenge, fooling ambition. All the pathos is that nothing can be done to help. We can't even help ourselves.

Sickness everywhere. Poor Sam. I had a letter from him with T.B. Got it in jail. So did our friend Mugsey. He has with no honest desire to prevent or cure sickness. Why?

The Unknown Human Race, mysterious and baffling; no one can understand; no one can help as impossible as "Christ".

Christianity, Socialism, Brotherhood, like the Big Red will fade only to come back

But you have lived your "Three score and ten." I hope all will have many more healthy, happy, useful years. I can't believe that life would give any one so much ability and love as you have been given, without also giving them an unity to use it.

Just talked to my daughter on the phone. At three she is unusually well. Yes, birth and death - up and down we go, Hope springing eternal. It is all worth while. None of us knows what it is all about.

I had a delightful tour lecture with 20 university of age students this week, and have another tour with students next week. Tonight I lectured and tomorrow I see Hugo who is having his leg amputated. A drunken auto driven down. Mother had her

Have been having some interesting letters from Hutch. I am sweet. Write me when the spirit moves.

With love and devotion,

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your old Hobo.

Ben

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A 17 de febrero 1940.

Compañeros in North America

Estimados compañeros: Me da mucho gusto saber que el mayor número de compañeros y, en muchas ocasiones, la conciencia de nuestra asociación y movimiento, nos ha permitido mantener la relación con vosotros.

Durante doce meses de exilio, después de la pérdida de la lucha en España, hemos realizado un callado esfuerzo solidario, con la preocupación primordial de salvar a los compañeros refugiados en Francia y en los campos de África, procurando en lo posible aliviar su situación. (Servicio de Emigración de República Española).

En esta obra solidaria, nos han ayudado los compañeros del Consejo General de S.I.A. y de la Sección Española y cuando ellos han agotado sus fondos solidarios, con los propios de nuestra Organización y Movimiento, poniéndolos a contribución de las necesidades de los compañeros exilados, hemos hecho cuanto ha estado a nuestro alcance para continuar la obra de solidaridad. Nuestros recursos, propios han sido escasos y por ello, no hemos podido atender las necesidades como era nuestro más ferviente deseo.

Ni el funcionamiento de S.I.A. ni el de la C.N.T. y menos de una organización del Movimiento Libertario, es tolerada en Francia, y por ello nuestras dificultades han sido mayores y también grandes y sensibles los contratiempos que hemos sufrido. Nada, sin embargo, nos ha hecho desmayar en el cumplimiento del deber y del objetivo recto y limpio que nos hemos trazado.

No hemos dado a la publicidad, ni podemos darlo por el momento, por razones que os serán comprensibles, ni nuestra actuación ni nuestro esfuerzo solidario, pero centenares de cartas de los campos, de los refugios y de las compañías de trabajo que obran en nuestro poder, son constatación fehaciente de nuestro esfuerzo.

No hemos podido tampoco mantener la relación normal con los organismos afines del exterior, a causa de contratiempos e incidentes sufridos -uno de ellos la muerte de Mariano RODRIGUEZ VAZQUEZ Secretario de la C.N.T.-.

Durante estos últimos tiempos, algunos compañeros "incomprensivos", por no calificarlos de otra manera, desde Francia unos, y otros desde países de América, por móviles diversos, de los que en su día pensamos poder enjuiciar debidamente han procurado extender una atmósfera desfavorable hacia este Consejo y los hombres que con responsabilidad actuamos, consecuentes siempre con nuestra trayectoria histórica y con nuestra vida militante sin tachas, con el propósito de restarnos medios de ayuda para los compañeros exilados y para el cumplimiento de nuestra generosa misión. Han sido tan injustos los ataques y algunos tan solapados, que ni nos hemos defendido, creyendo que nuestra rectitud de actuación se impondría y que sernos haría justicia. Además, absorbidos por nuestra labor solidaria y de atención a todo lo que hemos podido hacer en bien de nuestros compañeros y de los exilados españoles en general, orientándoles discretamente y ayudando a buscar soluciones de tipo individual y colectivo.

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tivo al problema de los exilados españoles, no hemos podido entre-
tenernos en mezquindades ni en polémicas bizantinas. Nuestra obse-
sión ha sido salvar el mayor número de compañeros y, en muchas oca-
siones, por la falta de medios propios y sin perder jamás la noción
de dignidad y de independencia de nuestra Organización y Movimiento,
nos hemos visto precisados a aceptar la relación con organismos de
los cuales habríamos deseado prescindir, por conocer sobradamente
sus vicios de origen y sus defectos incorregibles.

Tal es el caso de los dos organismos de ayuda oficiales es-
pañoles, llamados: S.E.B.E., (Servicio de Emigración de Republica-
nos Españoles), y J.A.R.E., (Junta de Auxilio a Republicanos Espa-
ñoles). Estos organismos han realizado cada uno en su esfera, más
particularmente el primero por ser más antiguo, disponer de mayo-
res fondos y tener organizado servicio de emigración, una obra de
ayuda a los exilados españoles que no ha respondido, ni en mucho, a
las necesidades de éstos ni incluso, a las posibilidades de dichos
organismos. Pero para nosotros lo importante ha sido que alguien,
quien fuera, hiciera algo práctico, por poco que fuese, a favor de
los exilados españoles.

La tragedia vivida por los exilados españoles en estos do-
ce meses de exilio, no es para ser descrita con palabras. Callamos
todos su horror. Pasan de 28 mil muertos los habidos en los campos
de concentración, refugios y compañías de trabajo de Francia y África
francesa. Dos inviernos rigurosos han contribuido a hacer más
elevado el número de víctimas. Callamos todos nuestro dolor, toda
la desesperación contenida. No podemos ni queremos perjudicar a los
compañeros y a los exilados españoles que están acogidos a la hospita-
lidad de Francia, con encendidas y justas palabras, reflejo de una
realidad alucinante y cruelísima.

Deseamos solo que llegue a vosotros el eco de este dolor
y de este sufrimiento inenarrable de unos hombres y de un pueblo.
los antifascistas españoles, la España liberal, republicana y liber-
taria, dignos de mejor suerte por el alto ejemplo dado ante el mun-
do enteró en la lucha sostenida contra el fascismo.

Sin palabras innecesarias, deseamos que tengáis bien pre-
sentes las necesidades de los exilados españoles, la gran mayoría
hoy encuadrada en compañías de trabajo, llamadas voluntarias, tra-
bajando en pésimas condiciones, sin percibir para lo más elemental
de las necesidades humanas, gran parte en los campos de concentra-
ción, otros en campos especiales internados hasta el final de las
hostilidades, otra, en fin, en refugios y muchos con la amenaza de
ser devueltos a España, de ser entregados a las garras de Franco y
de los victimarios del pueblo español.

Las necesidades a atender son muchas. Nuestros medios exi-
guos. Pero no podemos dejar desamparados a nuestros compañeros ni
darles la sensación de que la palabra solidaridad es una palabra
vana en el mundo.

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Ayudadnos en lo que os sea posible a cumplir nuestra abnegad. obra de ayuda o ayuda cuanto podáis directamente a los exilados españoles. Haced algo por ellos, algo positivo.

Conocedores de vuestros generosos y solidarios sentimientos, no dudamos de que lo que esté a vuestro alcance y depensa de vosotros, no será descuidado.

Si en algo podéis ayudarnos y deseáis canalizar esta ayuda por nuestro conducto, podéis hacerlo mediante las indicaciones que adjuntamos aparte y que os rogamos tengais en cuenta para no irrogarnos involuntario perjuicio a nosotros y a la obra que venimos realizando.

No olvidéis que esta carta no pasa por la censura y si nos contestáis, tened presentes las circunstancias actuales y la discreción obligada de la correspondencia y os rogamos dirijais vuestra respuesta como si fuera a una persona particular -es adjuntamos señas e indicaciones para la correspondencia-, pues os repetimos, nuestra Organización y Movimiento, y menos su actuación, son tolerados en Francia.

Recibid, queridos compañeros, un saludo fraterno.

Por la C.N.T. y el Consejo General del
Movimiento Libertario Español;

El Secretario:



GERMINAL EGGLEAS

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Paris - 18 - II - 40 MOLLIE STEIMER orig

Dearest beloved Emmotchka!

We received your letter of Jan. 15th and are very happy with it! Since two (2) months we didn't hear from you — or did it seem to us 2 months? Anyway, we began to worry about your silence. Hence, when your letter arrived, it was a great and pleasant event!

And now a bit of good news: Senya is again at work at the Studio Harcourt. — It is true, that he receives only half of his former salary, but he is glad to be at his old job. —

From Michel, there was no news since his letter dated Dec. 5th. I mailed him a small food parcel as a Christmas gift, ^{but} it came back with the inscription: "Unknown." — However, we didn't give up hope. Maybe, one day, we will still hear from the boy?

I don't understand why the letters from Martin do not reach you? He tell us that he writes you often. He and his wife, are still here.

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They are ^{II}both well. He intends to go to the States very soon. And once he will be there, he will call for her. I shall see him these days, and make him write you a good long letter.

Hilda, is still in Algeria. Roca and Federica promised they were going to see to it that she should be able to leave for St. Domingo. But to my great sorrow, I came to realise that ^{one} must never rely on the word of a Spaniard.

Yes, dearest. We received the 14 dollars (fourteen dollars) you sent us. It was 600 hundred francs. I acknowledged the receipt of your gift immediately. Many many thanks once more. By now, you surely have my letter where I told you that they were very nice at the Bank. — Fun, is now with Anita at the same address where they always lived. But he became a changed man!

Our friends in Tours, are very seriously sick, both of them. The baby is with some relatives. And I can't even go to see them nor do any thing for them. As a matter of fact, a lot of our friends are sick at present. But, not being very well myself, I can't help them in any way. In this respect, you seem to be much more lucky. We have hundreds of Arthurs here, but no body can do anything for them.

We both send you our love and affectionate greetings. — M.

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E. G. Colton
295 Vaughan Rd.
Toronto, Ontario
Canada

Dearest Emma:

A day after I mailed you a letter with a check in the amount of fifty dollars I received yours of January 30th. I did not know that your mail was being held up by the post office, but I did suspect that something was wrong with your mail, so I refrained from writing until I heard from you.

I took your appeal up with the Italian group of our union and they promised to raise some money. Unfortunately it is just before a local election and they are all head over heels in politics. I found that several of the anti-fascists were sympathizers and fellow-travelers of the Stalinists and I am still trying to find out who the others are.

It may interest you to know that Angelica Balabanoff is in town. I met her last week at a meeting of the Socialist Party where both of us were scheduled to speak. She looks old and is missing many of her front teeth, which makes it hard for her to talk. I have another appointment to meet her at supper tonight and then we will see what can be done.

Let me know how Arthur is feeling and what the prospects are for a complete recovery from the cold he contracted while he was in jail.

It seems that I am unable to influence some of the leaders of my union to be more sympathetic toward Arthur. They have so many cases and so many things on their minds that it makes it impossible for me to influence them any more than I have. I do think that the Toronto leadership of the union could bring it to their attention. I was not exactly told to mind my own business by my president, but that I was taking care of entirely too many people outside of the city in which I was working. I would like Bernard Shane, Hyman Langer, Joe Desser and the others to appeal directly from Canada.

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E. G. Colton

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February 20, 1940

Have you received any answer from Dubinsky on your letter of January 14th? It so happens that his private secretary was away on her vacation and letters sent him from Los Angeles did not reach him. If you have not heard from him please write again and refer him to yours of January 14th.

I am glad that you were frank with me and got it off your chest. You did not hurt me at all. On the contrary, I was glad to read your letter and to know what you think about me. I hope to meet you soon and then we will be able to come to some understanding as to what I can do for our movement as I travel around from coast to coast.

My love to you,



RP:L

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XX. Дорогой друг Emma

Ваше письмо о том, что
вы думаете и все, что вы
чувствуете, очень поразило
нас. Надеюсь, что вы
и сами вы, на пути к свободе
всего. Я очень надеюсь, что
вы не перестанете быть.
Вот сейчас очередь с каждо-
м раз, когда вы будете
наше дело, чтобы, что вы
уже были много, чтобы и для
дальше, благодарю.
Коммунизм берет то, все
обобщает, обобщает, и на
дальше, вы сами будете
наше, как вы сами будете
наше, обобщает, обобщает,
теперь. Вы сами будете
то, что вы сами будете
наше, все, что вы сами

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Paris Feb. 22nd 1940
 Dearest Emma
 Received your two letters
 and the Ten (\$10) dollars.
 Many thanks, dearest.
 We did exactly as you
 suggested. We had a
 nice dinner and then
 I went to see Mr. Smith
 goes to Washington!
 It is a long long time
 that we didn't write
 so such a splendid
 evening. Thanks again.
 The picture is very good.
 Semya is working
 now. Receiving only half
 of what he earned before but
 we are glad to have something

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My heart is better. Do not
worry. I am reconciled
to the fact that I shall never
see well and have adopted
myself to the situation.
Mark is O.K. He
writes you a few words
perhaps. As for you see
my present letter to her.
I will be in N.Y.
these days and get
out your card as soon
as I will see him soon.
I will be in N.Y.
soon. I have we
immediately hear for some
time I suppose it is not
easy to get the visa.
I will write you
again soon. I will
and hope to see you
soon. Mollie

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February 23, 1940.

Dear Comrades:

We have had very little opportunity to contact our former readers and friends since we stopped publication of "Challenge". At the moment, however, a most urgent and humanitarian cause has prompted us to write to you.

The NEW WORLD RESETTLEMENT FUND has been formed by a group of prominent people to help our unfortunate refugee brothers and sisters from across the ocean to rehabilitate themselves in a new world.

We are fully in agreement with the work of this organization and find that their tireless efforts and the gargantuan task they have undertaken on behalf of these European refugees are worthy of our full support and co-operation.

We urgently hope and appeal to you to do all in your power to help this committee carry on their work. To this end financial and moral support is necessary immediately. We trust that this call for support to this splendid and humane cause will be answered without fail.

Faternally yours,

Abe Coleman [i.e. Bluestein]

Abe Coleman
Former Editor of "Challenge"

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CANADA.
Feb. 23rd. (11)

Rose Pesotta
215 East 8th. St
Los Angeles,
California

Dear Comrade:

Your letter with its enclosure did not reach here until Feb 20th. you know now that on the 17th. Emma suffered the stroke which has put her into the hospital. She was laughing and talking with Dein and Tom and I at the time. Without a sound she drooped a little in her chair and we thought that she had fainted but we soon saw that she real trouble was. We called Dr. Holford and within an hour she was in the hospital, where she is getting the very best of attention. Now, at this time of writing her condition is slightly improved. She recognises us, but of course the visits are strictly limited as to number and duration

I don't want to dwell too much on the situation for the shock to us was very great and we still feel bruised from it

Still, Rose and I are still here with us. Dr. Goldman's wife and Jeanne Levy were also here, but they returned to their homes this morning. A committee has been formed among the comrades here to carry on the work of the Defense of Arthur Bortolotti. The outcome of that looks much brighter but I will write you more of that later. Last Dec. Emma gave me her power of attorney at the bank. The comrades are satisfied that this should still stand, and they feel sure the Emma would approve. Your check, for which I thank you as Emma would, I shall do with as you wish, \$30.00 for the defence, and \$20.00 for Emma.

You know Emma's circumstances and will know that by now a committee is working to bring in funds for E.G.'s immediate expenses, which are very high. ~~XXXXXX~~ The \$20.00 which you sent I feel sure that you would wish to go to that fund. So I shall hand it in to the committee tomorrow. I do hope that this meets with your approval.

Your letters with the others enclosed will be kept for Emma very carefully. Her letters have to be opened because, just now most of them deal with the Bortolotti case. You must have a letter from E.G. by now telling you that all her mail is held up for at least a week. And that accounts for the delay in answering.

I shall write again soon to keep you informed of the situation. We are all glad to hear from you. It is not two weeks ago that Tom borrowed a projector and ran off the film which you took here last summer. It pleased Emma and amused her. E.G. has had some pleasant comradely evening here, and as far as Emma ever could be happy she was so. ~~XXXXXX~~ here in her own little home.

Nobody knows, least of all the doctors, what will happen in the future. We can only wait and hope and the meantime carry on, to the best of our ability, the task which Emma had set herself of saving Arthur from deportation. ~~XXX~~ That is the best way in which we can help her.

Dorothy Rogers

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February 24, 1940

Jacob Silverstein,
338 Boyd Ave.,
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Dear friend:

Our friend, Emma Goldman, lies gravely ill at Toronto General Hospital, after a sudden seizure last Saturday evening, February 17th. The physician in charge, Dr. M. A. Pollock, a specialist in internal medicine and an old and valued friend of hers, called in Dr. Detweiler of Toronto, in consultation. She is getting the best possible care but at this time we do not know how long this care will have to be continued to ensure her recovery.

We need hardly tell you that Emma Goldman never laid away any funds -- there were always too many others in need. Funds are urgently needed at once. We know you will do whatever you can. Contributions should be sent to her friend and companion during her stay in Toronto these past months, Miss Dorothy Rogers, 295 Vaughan Road, Toronto, Ont., Canada.

Very sincerely yours,

EMMA GOLDMAN RECOVERY COMMITTEE,

M. Desser

Millie Desser, Secretary,

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more like you in leaving
an elderly book-worm alone till
he'd done his task as Milton would
say as ever in his great
taskmaster's eye.

Well it is done — you'll be
glad to hear — at last!

But whether it'll be published
without being cut remains
to be seen, for it is very long;
this not quite as long as
Tolstoy's *War & Peace*, that
grand book!

It is my 1st attempt at an
Historical Novel... Dreiser,
O is long ago, used to mean
that an Historical Novel would
suit me best.

Well — here is *French Life*
Bakunin — within my
reach as I lie on my
back writing this & ere
long you'll shake
your head & smile at
all my promises & delays
yes, I will write my
promised Review
on it.

Will I do home your health as
you, as heretofore,

John Cowper
Powys
Corwen

Merionethshire
North Wales.

St David's Day
1940

My dear Emma Goldman
I had been wondering
& wondering about
you and what was
happening to you in
these troubled times.

But all times have
been "troubled times"
to you, who like
the great Lord Shaftesbury
the Philanthropist

Oh do tell me — have you heard from Mr. Bell lately? I've not in book here. My agent
wrote to Emma better? I've not in book here. My agent
London was second of a list of
by Lord Alfred Douglas with whom

short preface best & send it with a
him to try some publisher in America where
this danger of good &
libel. For the
book on war
will be in
your name.

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have ever to grub where
the mischief is worst."
I was interested in
your "Birthday Number"
if so I can call it with
its tributes from all
the whole round world
so well deserved for your
devotion to answering to
your Ideal.
And your correspondence
with the Rev. Holmes; &
your praise of his
recognition of his error
is not exposing
Stalin's cruelties, all
interested me most
greatly.
It was good of you

I thought it would be a modification in his illness - But not
 for the book has little chance over here and I was not
 taking it. The Preface. Tell I meet how much of it
 saving so write the Preface. expect to include - But if you
 would expect to include I will write a

To write to me (& of
what you are so gallantly
doing to save that Italian
from being handed over
to the Dictator) and of
your speeches exposing
the Communist methods in Spain.
But most of all you said
did I value & respect
your refusal to be used
by that group of ministers
and undemocratic Reactionaries
in the United States who
only wanted you to denounce
Stalin & his wickedness
for their own wicked ends.
How dear of you to refrain
from writing so as to
give me the freedom
I needed (Ah! but,
Miss Emma I wish
there'd been
Till

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February 26, 1940

Dorothy Rogers
295 Vaughn Road
Doronto, Ontario
Canada

Dear Dorothy:

I mailed you a letter yesterday and I received yours of the 23rd this morning. Needless of me to tell you that I was glad to hear from you.

I'm interested to know how Emma is getting along, also how Stella Ballantine is feeling now. The last I heard from Emma, Stella was convalescing.

C. V. Cook appeared before the Kropotkin branch on Friday evening with the news about E.G. I shall help from time to time. Keep me posted regarding the events. Regards to all the comrades.

Sincerely yours,

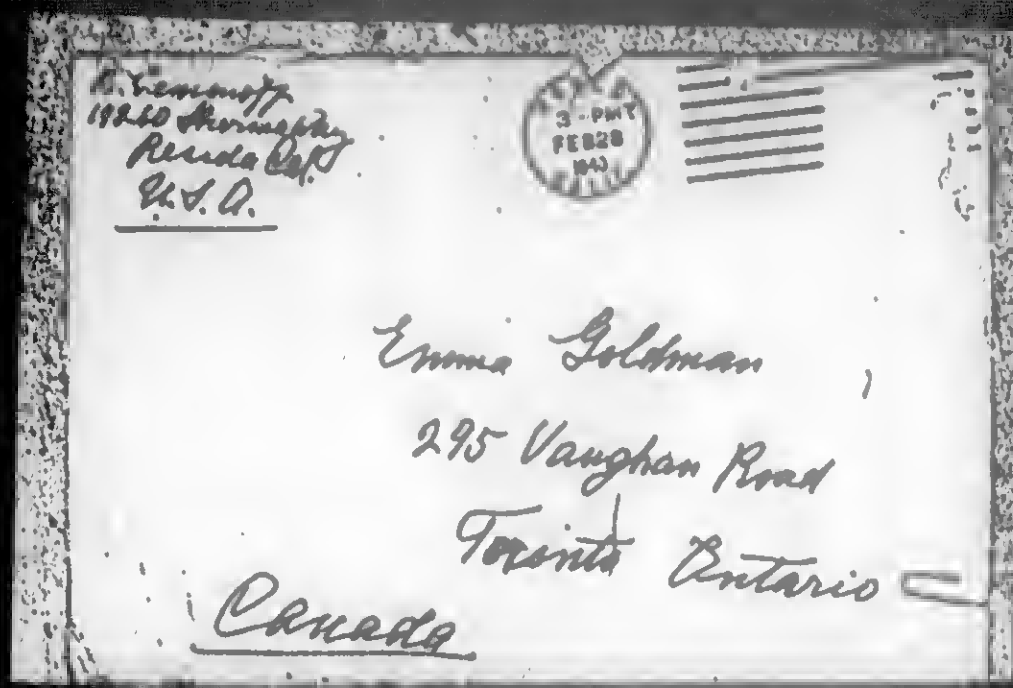
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295 Vaughan Road
Toronto, Ontario.
CANADA.

Feb 29th.1940.

Mr. Leon Malmud;
Dear Friend,

Thank you for your kind letter, I will gladly write you a few lines about our dear Emma's illness. As you know, she suffered a stroke on during the evening of Saturday Feb. 17th.

Emma had been active all day, dictating letters in the afternoon, and after supper even helping with the dishes. About 8 o'clock she came downstairs and had been talking and laughing with us for little more than half an hour when suddenly, without a sound, she slumped down in her chair. We immediately called a doctor who gave her emergency attention and then 'phoned for an ambulance to take her to the hospital. Between deep sleep she had periods of consciousness. Since then her condition has improved somewhat. She seems fully conscious now, understands what is said to her and recognises those who go to see her, but she cannot speak.

We can somewhat comprehend the mental agony which such a condition must bring to a person like our Emma: besides being unable to speak, her right side is completely paralysed. Some days her pulse is good, at other times weak. The doctors cannot predict what the ultimate outcome will be. All we can do at the present is to see that Emma continues to receive the care and attention which she needs. She is in a private room in the Toronto General Hospital, under the care of Dr. Pollock, the physician who has attended her on previous visits to Toronto. She has special nurses in constant attention; this last— on the doctors orders.

I am afraid this letter may not be very reassuring for you, but we have told you the facts as they are.

Thank you once again for your consideration of our mutual friend, and we shall try to keep you informed as to her condition.

Yours very sincerely,

Mrs. Dien Meelis

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Hope you're **WELL**
on the road to **HEALTH**

and stepping
HIGH



WIDE and



HANDSOME



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Dear E.G.



OW GOSH!
 Ills and pills
 they come to one
 and all!

Hope your illness
 is a light one
 and your pills are
 very small.



Hope soon you'll be improving
 And up and out and then
 Be stepping ---

HIGH

WIDE

and **HANDSOME!**

Just your good old self again

Please accept my very earnest
 hopes that you are getting along
 like a house a-fire!



With much love from Marjorie Goldstein

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HARRY WEINBERGER
COUNSELOR AT LAW
10 WEST 40TH ST. NEW YORK
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March 2, 1940

Mrs. Stella Ballantine
296 Vaughan Road
Toronto, Ontario

Dear Stella:

I have been getting messages from Misi as to how Z.G. is getting along in the hospital. I hope there will be a real recovery shortly. As a matter of fact it might not be a bad idea to go over to see the American Consul and make an application for a six months visitor's visa to the United States, on the ground that all her family and friends are in the United States. That will take time and by the time we get the answer and the visa, Z.G. may be ready to be moved.

I enclose a small check to Miss Rogers' order.

Strange in the last few letters. Z.G. was worrying about my expenses and wanting to raise a fee for me. I told her there was no charge for a fee and as far as most of my expenses, I was happy able to charge them to other cases.

Full M.L. I wish her all best and that when she comes to New York, I will be her occasional chauffeur.

Sincerely,



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Enc.

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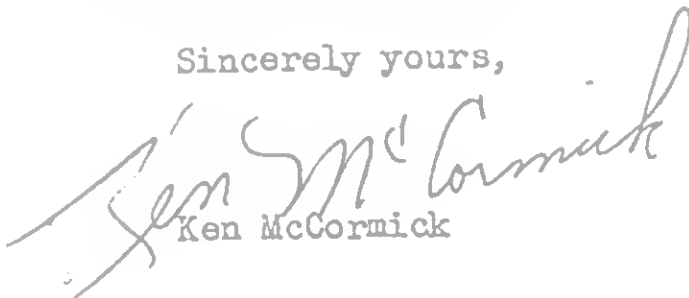
My dear Miss Goldman:

I am sorry that we can't send you a copy of *SONS AND FATHERS* because our agreement with the Canadian publisher does not permit it. If you will write to McClelland & Stewart, Ltd., 215 Victoria Street, Toronto they will be able to help you.

As for your own material gathered in Russia, we would certainly like to hear more about that when you are ready to do your book.

Thank you for getting in touch with us.

Sincerely yours,


Ken McCormick

Miss Emma Goldman
295 Vaughan Road
Toronto, Ontario

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[Letter] 1940 March 14, Paris [to] Emm[a] Goldman, Toronto] / Mollie [Steimer] and Senya [Fleshin]. — 1 p. ; 22 x 21 cm.

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Paris March 14th 1940.

Emmotehka, dearest beloved one,

Gaby wrote to Sanya that you are very very sick.

Poor darling. How we would love to be near you now and try to be of some help! It is a terrible shock for both of us.

Especially since we thought you in perfect health. Your last letter was so full of good humor that we were actually happy

to know you in such ~~an~~ fine mood. Hence, when the

news came that you are at the clinic in Toronto, I could

hardly believe it. As a matter of fact, I still sincerely

hope that there is a mistake some where and that you, dearest one, are in good health!

I wrote to Dorothy - by Clipper - asking her for an immediate reply. Should she show you the letter, please please let her tell us the whole truth. It's no use of hiding anything from us. It will only be worse.

We both embrace you most tenderly

and lovingly and wish that you recover real soon.

Your ever devoted
Senya + Mollie

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My sweet:

Welcome to your little home. I wish I were there to greet you and
 be with you. Being here, though, I got things started and with the help
 of our powerful committee you will soon be with me back in your real home
 — New York — and with me, my darling, and Teddy and Ian and Davy and Betty.
 I will have Ian's room ready for you. They can get a room near here. Its a great
 big room, light with a marvelous view over your beloved N.Y. and so clean and
 modern — Dorothy can tell you. She saw it. So you MUST get well, my own,
 there is so much awaiting you.

I hold you close to me, and kiss your hands.

Your child,

Stella

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April 3rd, 1940

My darling:

Can you imagine the thrill I got when Dorothy's special arrived last night and she said you read my letter by yourself? I am sure when you get settled in your improvement will be rapid. How I wish I could be with you!

Roger Baldwin calls me every day for news of you and I am in daily touch with Haynes Holmes. Do not worry about a visa. Nothing will be done until you are able to direct it. But we have the FRIENDS OF EMMA GOLDMAN COMMITTEE organized and Haynes Holmes has written a splendid letter which will be ready tomorrow so you will not want for anything to retard your COMPLETE recovery. I will send you the letter and stationery tomorrow.

The letter head reads as follows:

FRIENDS OF EMMA GOLDMAN

#Room 700 - 70 West 40th Street

New York City.

John Haynes Holmes, Chairman. Harry Weinberger, Treasurer. M.E. Fitzgerald, Secy.

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Arthur Leonard Ross
Rose Pesotta

At this point Laddy took the typewriter for his school. The comm. very representative - they all expanded with enthusiasm. Roger was so pleased with your message. Had a beautiful letter from Hutch to which I am responding tomorrow. I will send it to you.

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Max Spiegel is continuing the Emma
+ Statin's pseudo his long thermos. He was
with Spoken his own by himself. Adelaide
Shuefkind is addressing the complete
list of 500 names of League for Austral
aid tomorrow.

Moder Stein came to see me yesterday
+ about a couple of hours. He has been ill
+ they have cut his work down + cut his
fees in half. He has promised a contribution
to writing you. As soon as I have a machine
I will make copies of all letters from your
Committee.

Please beg Dorothy to keep me posted — my
beloved.

The enclosed catalog of Liddy's + Cecil's school
will interest you — Dorothy, Cecil, Grace
send love — as do Liddy, Dan, Betty, +
Dany.

Haza Mamelov's letter from London. He asks for news of you. He
about Penguin. He apparently doesn't know you
his love. He apparently doesn't know you
have been ill.

Give my love to Dorothy. It is a great
comfort to me that she is with you. I
would never have left you otherwise.
Continue to get well — my darling. I
hold you close. Fitz + Hauke send love —
I get phone calls all day long inquiring
about you. Your own letter from Ellen
Bedrich + love.

See Dorothy send love. Stella
Special love to
you.

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[Letter] 1940 April 5 [Brooklyn, N.Y. to] Emma Goldman, Toronto / [John Haynes Holmes].— 1 p. ; 28 × 22 cm.

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April 5, 1940.

Dear Emma Goldman:

Welcome home! I have been in touch with Stella Ballantine since her return to New York, and have therefore been getting the good news of your recovery. Now I hear that you have left the hospital and are back in your own apartment. That's perfectly grand, and I rejoice with you and for you.

Stella is a bundle of energy. Without a moment's delay she has organized a perfectly splendid committee, well called the "Friends of Emma Goldman," and this Committee is going to stand by you and see you through this illness. Also, we shall not be content until we get you back into this country. I have high hopes that we are going to succeed without too great delay. May I add what privilege I count it to be serving as chairman of your Committee.

This is a hurried letter, written on the eve of my going out of the city for the week-end. But I could not delay in sending you greeting from my very heart. Be of good cheer - all will yet be well.

Very sincerely yours,

Miss Emma Goldman,
295 Vaughan Road,
Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

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April 5, 1940

Dear Friend:

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Emma Goldman's friends have organized the above Committee. We hope to do two things. First, to guarantee medical and nursing care for her as long as this is needed. Second, to secure from the Labor Department at Washington a permit for her to re-enter the United States as soon as she can be moved, so that she may enjoy comfortable convalescence among her family and friends in this country. We feel that this is not only a duty to a great woman, a valiant fighter for freedom, but an opportunity which as friends we would not forego.

Funds for Emma Goldman's care and for the appeal to the Labor Department are urgently needed. We feel sure that you will want to help. Please send whatever contribution you can to Harry Weinberger, Treasurer, Friends of the Emma Goldman Committee, Room 700, 70 West 40th Street, New York City.

Sincerely yours,

John Haynes Holmes
Chairman

Dear Rose - I would + King Emma. Am you think?
I'll back home & need need badly. I put up
naive down motion/doping - What I should
at mid take a long time for get her dear to come
back. Committee is working. Best Stella

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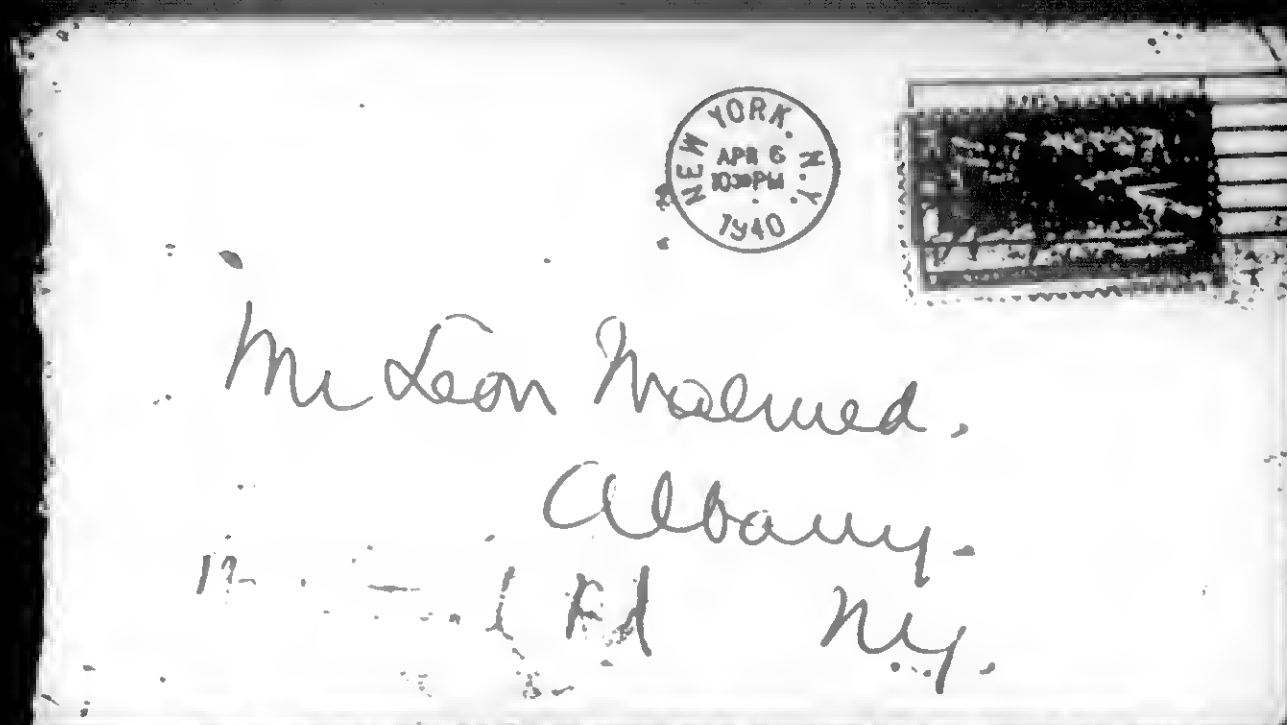
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John Haynes Holmes
Chairman

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Simon Radowitzky

Mexico D.F. 6 de Abril 1940.

Milobanym Emma.

Mai kladime esre nosta me
norym. Mal nuchde. nora me
bme norybunare & chos. Dapale
& dabu nora. Dudo me nuchde
no & nora. Dural & kporame
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& norym. norym. Durdunam.
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April 15th, 1940

Darling mine:

Both Dr. Pollock's visit here and Dorothy's letter of Friday cheered me no small. I called Pauline, Harry W. and Angelica at once to tell them the good news. Miss Lowenstein called me Saturday from a meeting of the Stelton group, who are arranging the 50th Anniversary of the School you helped to establish so largely for new students and can you imagine what it meant to all your comrades that you are getting better even so slowly? Dr. P. also got in touch with Max, as he probably told you. I also called Roger and Wynne Holmes — both of whom wait for news so anxiously. And Willie and Rudolf. I am seeing them at the dinner the Freda Arbeiter Stills are giving on Friday for Franklin. It would be nice if Dorothy sent me a message from you.

Fitz is in the country so I couldn't get word to her but Sam and Dorothy have written you themselves. Bob Low is here with me. Poor chap is still hunting the elusive job. He is giving himself two weeks here in N.Y. He has a room down the street and takes all his meals with me and uses the apartment for all his needs.

Bobby feels fine and the kids are both working hard. They send warmest love. Davy has been under the weather but he is recovering and is a handful. It is hard to get much work done when he is at home, especially at the machine.

Fitz had lunch with me a few days ago. She looks fine. You know I

have given up Penguin books and am devoting myself to the Committee and the Student Theatre, to say nothing of doing all my own housework. I have no maid.

Sam is out of town for a couple of weeks at Bryn Mawr, Penn writing a book or rather rewriting someone else's. Bobby says please give my best love to E.G. Teddy of course is overwhelmed with work in connection with his new venture and you know how distasteful practical things are to him.

My best regards to the Healis. Love to Dorothy and Arthur. I am writing a note to Dorothy in this.

I'll embrace you tenderly, my darling. I will be coming to Toronto before long to be with you again. Get well. I need you so. I love you so.

Stella

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Corwen

Merioneth

N. Wales

Gr. Britain

April 16 1940

My dear old friend

I keep hearing

so many rumours

about your state

of health . . . one

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seriously ill . . .
 another ^{only} in a
 political turmoil —
 no new thing for
 you! — & I
 cannot get at
 the truth. I don't
 at all like to
 hear of you being
 ill; for this
 (if true) is a
 new thing for
 you — the

hand of a more
 formidable Dictator
 than any we
 have grown accustomed
 to hearing. You
 defy!

Well — whatever Substitute
 for "God" we're permitted
 by our zealous atheistical
 friends to mention —
 be with you, old friend.

I support you — anyway
 may the courage of your ^{own} heart
 in all adversity fail not!
 yrs (as heretofore)
 John Cowper Powys.

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April 18, 1940

Stella Ballantine
235 E. 21st Street
New York, New York

Dear Stella:

Sorry I could not answer your letter before as I have been very busy here with our local elections which took up most of my spare time and I also had to take a trip to San Francisco where we had a very serious strike. I caught a very severe bronchitis and for nearly three weeks I could hardly talk. I have recovered since and I will continue in my daily routine, as usual.

I see that you started the ball rolling in New York and am very glad that you put me on as one of the sponsors. I have sent a check to Harry Hienberger. Let me know how the money is coming, and what you hear from Anna. I expect to be in New York the latter part of May to attend our convention and will see you then, so that we can make arrangements. In the event I have spare time I will take a trip to Toronto.

I want you to have my New York address which is: 245 West 25th Street, Apt. 4G. This is where my mother lives.

Creetings to all and best wishes to the comrades.

Rose

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April 19, 1940

Harry Weinberger
70 E. 40th St.
New York, New York

Dear Harry:

Emma had to get very sick to make her friends organize. I am so glad that you are the prime mover in her behalf. Enclosed is my small donation (\$10.00) which I hope will help.

Let me know the latest developments are in her case and if there is any chance of her coming in now.

Very sincerely yours,

Rose Pesotta

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April 22, 1940

My darling:

Dorothy's letter of Thursday made us all happy but no one rejoiced as much as I. I am sure you will soon be your old active self again. The Chairman read your message to the comrades at the dinner Friday night to dear old Franklin and it brought cheer to everyone. It was like old home week to me. I can't remember all the messages I took and promised to give you. Rudolf and Willy were there, Maisel, Linder, Mark and Joanne Wratzky, Lucy and Harry Lang, Minna Lowenstein, Radlowsky, Marc and Bertha Epstein, Harry Frachter, Pauline. Both Rudolf and Franklin spoke beautifully. The dinner was given to celebrate the appearance of Franklin's book. You can imagine how we missed Mrs. Franklin and dear old Michael Cohn.

The following day I spent the whole day at Radlowsky's with Willy and Rudolf. They wanted every bit of news of you I could give them and how they rejoiced that I was completely well again. They hadn't seen me since before my illness. I stayed with them till we took them to the train at for Hoboken. You know what a comfort they are and can be.

EW left for Chicago on Saturday. He sent you Sara Bard Field's letter. We are getting marvelous letters and responses from everyone. It proves to me how greatly loved and admired you are from they way old friends are responding. I am asking Jeanne Levy to get in touch with EW while he is there.

Had a lovely letter from Rose Pesotta this morning. Poor kid had bronchitis in the midst of a serious strike in San Francisco. She feels better now.

Davy returned to school today, almost completely healed. He could have gone back last week but refused as he didn't want to girls to see him with a spotted face. He took his entrance test for the High School of Science Friday. It's the best High School in town but as there are nearly a thousand applicants and only places for 125 students I am not banking too highly on it. Now Teddy has been ill in bed with the gripe since Saturday. There is always something.

Fits is still in the country where she went ten days ago. I called Ben Langford this morning as I thought her parents were coming

to town this week, but she tells me Morris and Betty have postponed their trip. Give them my love and tell them I will be happy to see them any time they come.

Mother is very anxious to see you, dearest, and the Love may pay Ruth a visit and bring Mother back to Toronto with them in their car. I know you will love to see her.

Bob has a job in Newark, thank goodness. It looks good. In that case Ruth and Helen will be joining him soon. He has a room up a few doors from us and takes all his meals here. Ruth will bring Helen here and leave her with me while she hunts an apartment.

I asked Willie to make me a copy of your address book. Will you remind Dorothy to do it? I have thousands of letters to write for Student Theatre and Friends of E.G. - to say nothing of household chores, ask Dorothy to forgive me, if I do not write her today. Give her my love.

Teddy, Davy, Bob, Betty, Ian all send devoted love and cheer for your progress toward getting well. I hold you tight. I still feel your firm grip - my sweet - and the way you patted my cheek.

With all my love,

Stella

I enclose a letter from Hatch. I was only able to write him today.

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295 Vaughan Rd
Toronto, Ont.
CANADA.

April 26th. 1940

Rose Pesotta
I.L.G.W.U.
315 East 3th.St.
Los Angeles, Calif.
U.S.A.

Dear Rose;

We have had Emma home here since April 1st. and for the first few weeks she seemed so very much better that we all felt quite confident of her recovery. But there has been something of a change in the last few days that makes me, at least, somewhat uneasy. Emma is physically much stronger and the paralysis is slowly leaving her right side. But the clot on her brain is not dispersing as quick- as it should and that is what is bothering us. I am being very frank with you because I feel that you have a right to know but to the comrades in general I have to repeat the doctors' report which is that Emma is in very good condition and that he cannot predict anything with any certainty. There is still hope that her speech will return and we must foster that hope. Perhaps I feel depressed today and then I am here all the time, during E.G.'s bad periods as well as her good. She still suffers from insomnia and although she is given a sedative every night it does not always take effect and then she is very unhappy all night long. We have a graduate nurse here. ~~XXXXXXXX~~ all the time, she sleeps here. We also have a practical nurse to stay up at night, for it is very ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ necessary when E.G. does not sleep. A physio-therapist comes twice a week to massage her arm and leg. We have hired a hospital bed for her and so all we can do is make her comfortable.

Every morning she has an injection of insulin and her urine is quite free from sugar. She is eating very well and looks quite well. While the doctor admits to Dien and I that the brain condition is not as good as it might be he still says that Emma may yet regain her speech and be able to get about. So perhaps I am just in a depressed state of mind and working it off on you.

I am sorry that you have been ill and do hope that you are feeling better now. You work too hard sometimes, but do take care of yourself. I hope that you will be able to run up to Toronto when you come west to New York. Emma would be delighted to see you and you know that the rest of us would enjoy a visit from you.

I had a very nice letter from C.V. Cook two days ago. I am writing to him, but shall make my letter as hopeful as possible for it will serve as a group letter and as long as there is a hope of Emma's eventual recovery I feel that I must keep that hope alive in all the comrades.

Please forgive me if I have worried you with this letter but my heart feels rather heavy just now.

Write to me soon,

Dorothy

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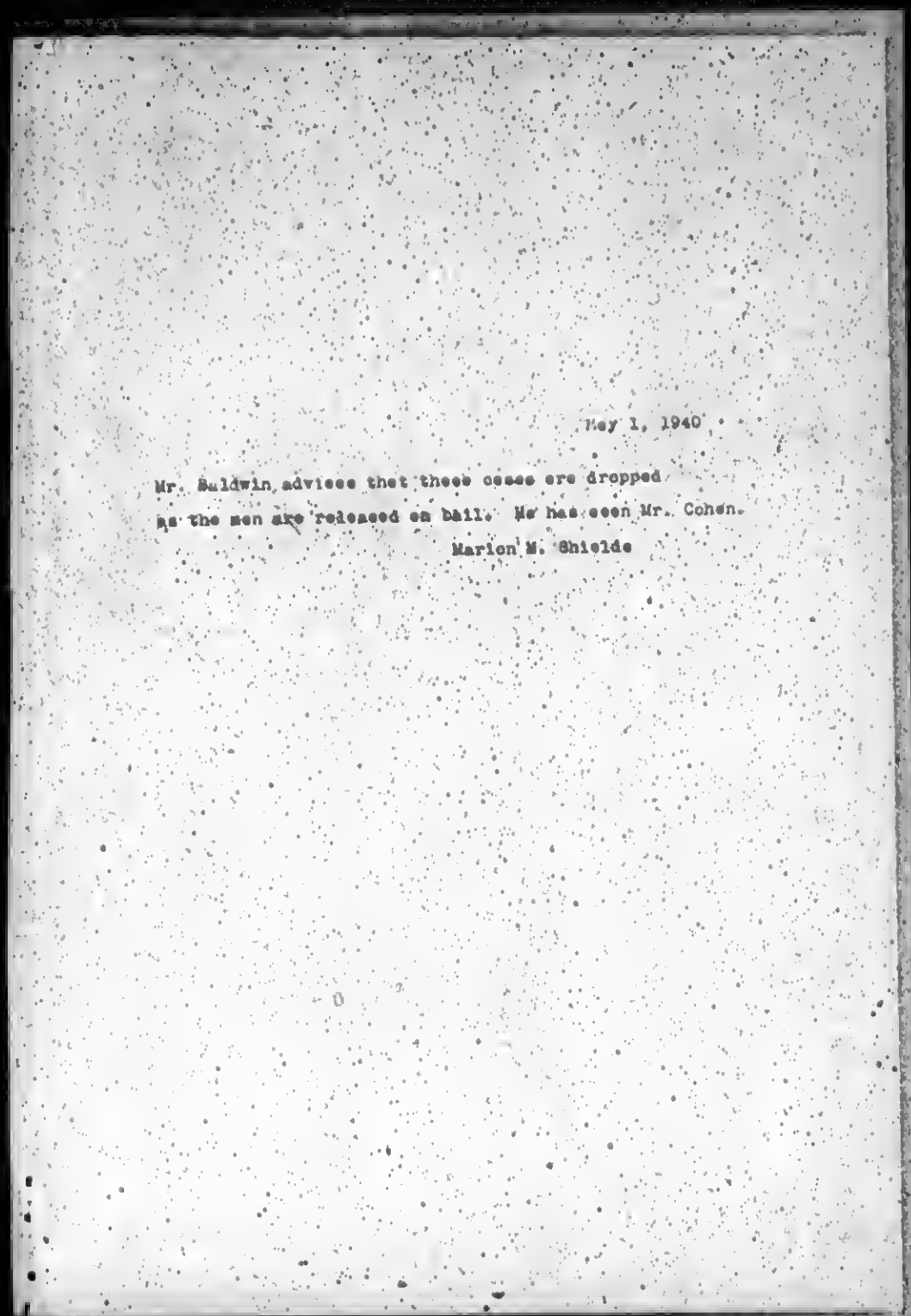
LUCY HUFFAKER,
FIFTY CENTRAL PARK WEST
NEW YORK CITY

Stella dear, so many friends
will have written you so
many words of sympathy —
I know words can't ease
your heart today. But this
I want to say — I feel it
should be said. In all
my life I have never seen
a thing more perfect
than your devotion to Emma
long ago when I first knew
you I sensed its quality —
never failing, always unfalter-
ing, such as a mother may
have for a child. It was as
beautiful as it was rare.
It should be a consolation to
you today. I hope it is.
Love from Eddy and
Lucy

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May 2nd, 1940

Dear Rose:

I meant to write you ages ago but there is so much to do. Harry Weinberger was in Chicago all last week so I didn't know what had come in till I went there yesterday. Our Committee made some impression. We got a check from Aldous Huxley yesterday and a number of other prominent people have responded. I wrote C. V. Cook to get the names of a number of movie stars whom I know and who admired Emma. Kaufman's name on the Committee will be a great help.

I began this the 2nd. It is now the 6th and I have only just picked it up again. I am so busy with Teddy's student Theatre, as well as Emma's affairs and I have an household of 5 - Ian, his wife, Davy, Teddy & I and I do all my own housework. I sent out a thousand letters for Holmes.

It will be good to see you and you must save one evening and take dinner with us. I want you to see my boys and meet my new daughter. Ran into Aleck Cohn Saturday on the street. He is back from Tenn. and he promised to see what could be done for Emma at the convention of the Amalgamated which opens a week, I believe, before yours.

The news from Emma is scanty. Dorothy writes rarely but Mother sent me a letter from Rochester, written April 24th, in which she says Emma's improvement continues. It will be a slow and long process. We will have to get her in in the Autumn.

My phone is Watkins 9-1984. Call me up when you get here and I will save time to see you at your convenience. The family send their best.

Love,

Stella

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My dear E.G.:

It has been a long time since I have seen you or written you. I have talked with Stella several times of late and prior to that with Sax so I have been hearing about you and hearing how you have been improving. By talking I mean by telephone for I have not seen either of them in many months. It was Stella who told me you could receive letters and would like to hear from old friends.

I have not been very well myself but no one believes it for as always I have a good color in my face and usually look better than I feel. I have been going to the city for the past few weeks for as you can see by this letter head it will be twenty-five years a week from tomorrow, May 16th, and we are having an anniversary celebration the following day. The committee has been meeting weekly and we hope to have a sizable crowd although something tells me it will not be as large as the comrades think. Times change and there so many things that loom much larger on the horizon that ~~they~~ overshadow the little school at Stelton.

You will be interested to hear I had a letter from Nettlau a few days ago. I had written him about your illness ~~and~~ on the off chance he might not have heard of it but he had and like the antiquarian he is reminded me that his first meeting with you was in my company in October, 1899 when you and Mary Isaak stepped from the train at Euston Station. He also told me he last saw you in January of last year in the very room he wrote the present letter. Incidentally Havel also told ~~me~~ or wrote me when he heard of your illness - I had written him that he first met you in my house in London. I suppose it was in the house of Jennie Atkinson where we lived at the time you came. A lot of water has flowed under the bridge since then and a lot of illusions have been shattered but on the whole it was a colorful forty-odd years and we have nothing to regret except perhaps the we were ahead of our time.

Arising out of the dinner we tendered Leonard several months ago and at the suggestion of Leonard we organized a dining discussion club and called it the Skeptics. The first meeting was held on April 9th and it reminded me of the days long gone by for Amy Hicks, Joe. Rinn, Dr. ~~Salvatore~~ Goldwater and many other ~~old~~ timers were there. Some of the speeches were reminiscent of forty years ago and of course a score of more asked about you. The main speakers were Alfred Bingham of "Common Sense" and Harry Weinberger with Leonard, Chairman. The subject was "Revolution or What". I welcome the club largely for the social side for it enable me to meet old friends, oh yes, Lucy Robbins and Lang were there, and it brings back my youth when all the world was young lad, and all the trees were green, with every goose a swan lad and every lass a queen."

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Elsie, Nat. and the children are pretty well although the children have been going through a seige of the whooping cough for the past couple of months. It brought Elsie to the edge of a breakdown and Rachelle came over from Washington to stay with and help her. They went to Mohegan last Thursday and as Spring seems to be here at last I am hoping it will make them all well again. Leah is well and as stated I look O.K. so I am told but feel my years and am deed tired most of the time. I will write Nettlau and tell him how you are and urge him to write although he thinks you are angry at him for something.

With love and all kinds of good wishes and hoping you will soon be up and about in case I find some good friend with a car who will take me for a ride to Toronto.

Do I know the comrade Dorothy Stella tells me about?

Affectionately,

Harry

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295 Vaughan Rd.
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CANADA.

May. 8th. 1940

John Cowper Powys
Corwen
Merionethshire
North Wales.

Dear Mr. Powys;

I have been trying to take care of Emma Goldman's correspondence since she was taken ill on February 17th. The rumours you have been hearing that she is ill are all too true.

On February 17th when she was here in the house with two other friends and myself, laughing and talking after a very active day Emma suffered a severe stroke. After six weeks in the Private Pavillion of Toronto General Hospital she was brought home here on April 1st.

At first she seemed to get stronger and we had great hopes of her eventual recovery, but her condition has not been so good for the last ten days and on Monday May 6th she had another slight hemorrhage, which of course has complicated her condition somewhat. The first stroke paralysed her right side and deprived her of her speech. After the first week or two she improved greatly physically but the clot on the brain has not dispersed and the longer it takes to do so the slimmer are her chances for recovery. The recurrence last Monday has not improved the situation at all and the doctor says that even if she gets better, to any extent, she will have to spend the rest of her life in bed.

All her old friends have rallied wonderfully to her now in her desperate need and everything has been done that could facilitate her recovery.

We have two nurses in attendance all the time, a masseuse twice a week for her paralysed limbs and everything possible that will aid in her comfort or wellbeing is obtained for her.

Your last letter I read to her and she was able to appreciate its friendliness and I am sorry that I have not had time to answer it before. I am sorry to say that this ~~XXXX~~ letter of yours written on April 16th and arriving two days ago was too late to mean anything to her. We cannot rouse her to take an interest in anything but the most personal contacts. Even her brother's name does not bring much response.

All that we can do is to stand by and wait ~~XXXX~~ in hope that she will soon greatly improve or that her present desperate condition will not be prolonged. In the meantime she is surrounded by all the love and care that can be lavished upon her. The only thing we cannot do is terminate the intollerable position one way or the other.

It is a tragic condition for such a one as Emma Goldman to find herself in and we who love her suffer with her while trying to keep up a pretense of cheerfulness for her sake.

I am sorry to be the bearer of such sad tidings I wish with all my heart that it could be otherwise..

Yours very sincerely,

Dorothy Rogers.

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HARRY WEINBERGER
COUNSELOR AT LAW
70 WEST 40TH ST., NEW YORK
LONGACRE 5-3532-3553

May 8, 1940

Miss Dorothy Rogers
295 Vaughan Road
Toronto, Canada

... dear Miss Rogers:

Enclosed find check for \$100.00 as you may need this
additional money.

Hope things are going well.

All best to E.G.

Harry Weinberger
Sincerely,

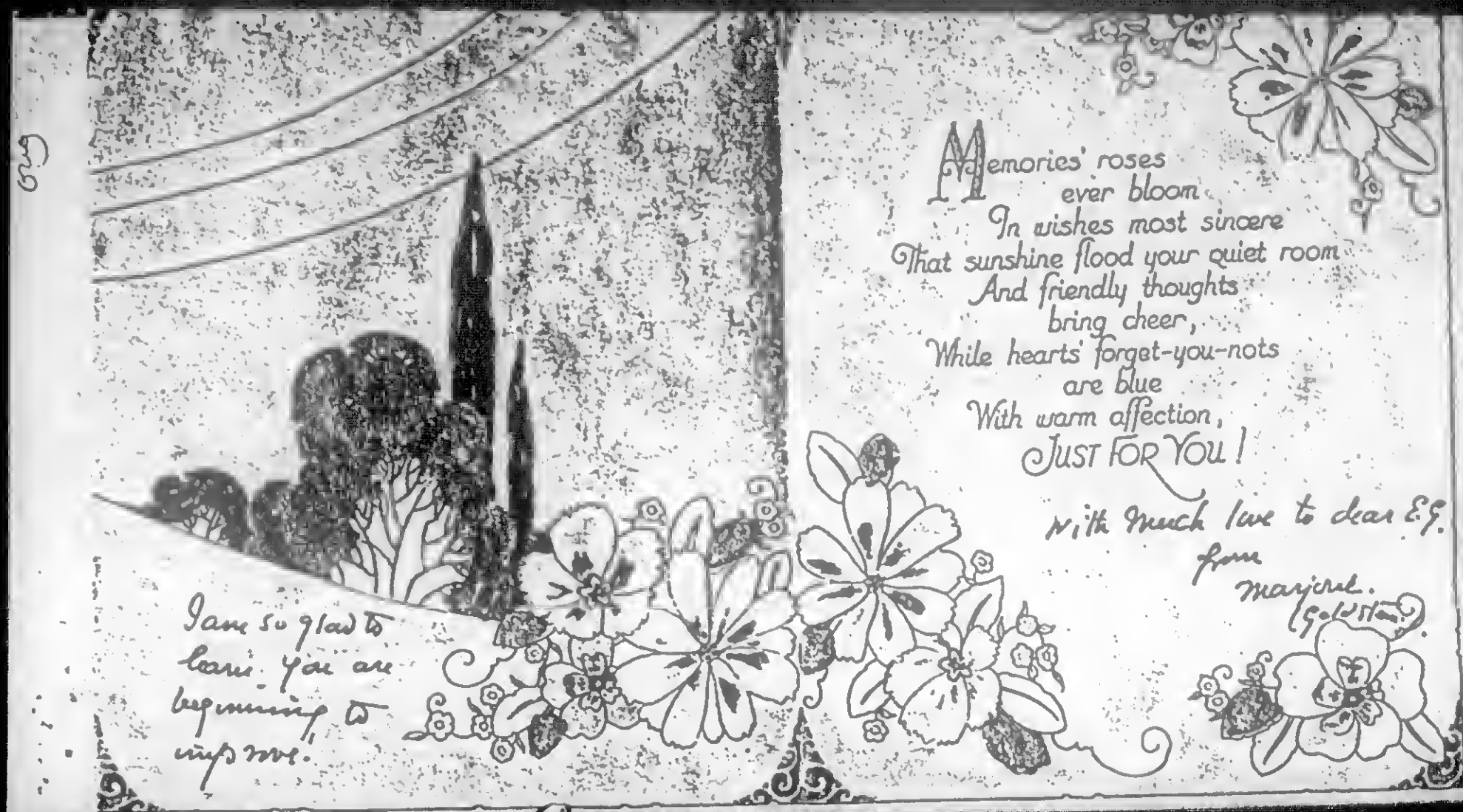


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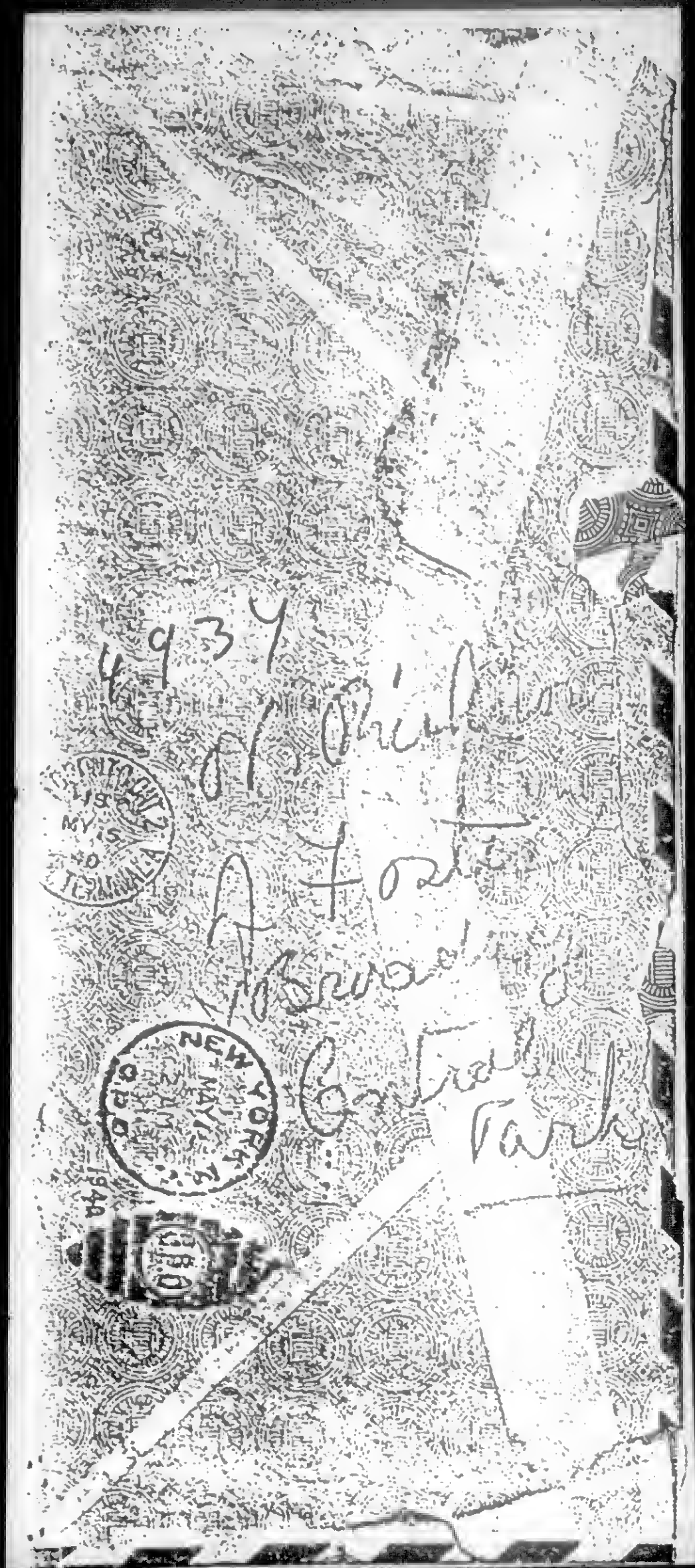
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295 Vaughan Rd.
Toronto, Ont.
CANADA.

May 11th. 1940

Dear Rose:

I was ~~not~~ to receive your letter this morning, but sorry that I may be the bearer of sad news. Emma's condition is not at all good. Last Monday afternoon she suffered another slight hemorrhage. She rallied quickly, but the breathing center which had been very slightly affected before is now not functioning well at all. Today she is definitely weaker.

I telegraphed Stella and Moe last Monday and called Stella yesterday when Emma had a bad turn. Stella arrived this morning and Moe and his wife are on their way, due to arrive at any time.

Dr. Pollock said last Monday that even if Emma recovered somewhat she would never be able to leave her bed.

Now it is only a matter of time it may be hours or perhaps a week or two. All letters I write now ~~XXXXXXX~~ have to contain the news that Emma's condition is not good. All we can do now is to see that she is as comfortable as possible. Fortunately she does not suffer any physical pain and she is in a semi-comatose condition.

Stella asked me to give you her best. She is feeling rather tired just now, but she will write to you as soon as she can.

Please give my regards to C.V. and Sadie Cook if you are in touch with him and tell them what you think best. But the comrades are not sure that is ~~best~~ ^{best} to do.

We are not short of funds and are ~~not~~ able to get anything but possibly help to alleviate ~~Emma's~~ Emma's condition.

Dorothy

I have made a note of your New York address & will write to you there. If necessary I shall visit Los Angeles before you leave.
D.

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295 Vaughan Road, Toronto
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May 11th
May 11

Dear Harry:

Dear "Uncle" Harry— Beautiful letter to Emma came yesterday. Alas, we can not even read it to her how you she had a cold the night before last Monday, on night this time, but her pulse is growing gradually weaker and there is little hope left. Dorothy wired me Wednesday Tuesday, even then she rallied. I phoned her Doctor that night and he said I would be notified by phone if she got any worse. Yesterday at 3 p.m. Dorothy Rogers phoned me and I left last night on the 8 o'clock train. Emma definitely recognized me this morning. She wept bitterly and only a few minutes ago as I stood by her bedside she said the first two understandable words "Stella" and "sasha". She is only semi-conscious most of the time and her pulse is getting slower. It is only a matter of a few days, we think, and the sooner it happens the better for my poor darling. I am keeping it from the press, as I don't want to be bothered till it is all over. We have a day and night nurse, she still takes liquid nourishment, but there is no hope of her recovery.

Your reminiscences interested me very much. I shall be so sorry to miss the Stelton celebration. Sorry I didn't know about the dinner. I was free that night too, as my family were out. I went to Nancy Shostac's memorial exhibition and from there I called on Smee whom I hadn't seen in months and who is not well, though she keeps up at the Museum.

You met Dorothy Rogers here in Toronto last Summer, and again at the Freie Arbeiter Stimme when she was in N.Y. in behalf of Joachim.

My best to Leah and Minna.

Always your affectionate "niece"

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STELLA BALLENTINE

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295 VAUGHAN ROAD TORONTO ONT

WE HEARD THE NEWS OVER THE RADIO THIS MORNING (STOP) ALL OUR
COMRADES SEND CONDOLENCES (STOP) EMMA HAS GONE FROM THIS WAR
TORN WORLD BUT SHE WILL BE REMEMBERED BY ALL FOR HER HUMANITARIAN
EFFORTS

ROSE PESOTTA.

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THE DEPARTURE OF EMMA IS NOT ONLY A GREAT PERSONAL LOSS
TO US BUT THE LOSS OF A CLARION VOICE FOR ALL THAT IS
WORTH WHILE IN HUMANITY WE SHARE YOUR GRIEF=
RUDOLPH AND MILLY ROCKER PAULINE H TURKEL:

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OUR LOVE AND ADMIRATION TO THE MEMORY OF A GREAT WOMAN

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CARL AND FANIA VAN VECHTEN.

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DEEPLY GRIEVED AT THE LOSS OF AN OLD FRIEND AND A GREAT
LIBERTARIAN (STOP) SHE GAVE HER ALL AND SUFFERED MUCH. MAY THE
TIRED WARRIOR REST IN PEACE=

HARRY LEAH ELSIE WALLY RACHELLE MINNA AND NAT.

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DOROTHY ROGERS

295 VAUGHAN RD TORONTO ONT

WE MOURN THE LOSS OF OUR OLD FRIEND EMMA, CHALLENGER OF
ALL INJUSTICE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, THE SPANISH WORKERS WILL ALWAYS
KEEP FRESH IN THEIR HEARTS THE LOVE TO OUR PEOPLE
F GONZALEZ SIA.

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MISS DOROTHY ROGERS

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MAY THE PEACE WHICH PASSES ALL UNDERSTANDING BE WITH YOU AND COMFORT

YOU AND ALL OF YOU THAT ARE AROUND OUR DEAR EMMA TODAY

VINCENT CRUDO.

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LIVED A FULL LIFE AND HER PASSING AWAY IS BUT A SIGNAL FOR
OUR REDEDICATION TO THE IDEALS OF LIBERTY, EQUALITY AND
JUSTICE TO WHICH SHE DEVOTED HER COURAGEOUS LIFE=

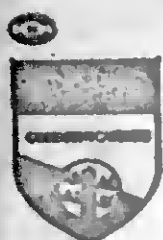
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JOSEPH DESSER

759 BATHURST ST TORONTO

WE HERE IN BOSTON WERE GRIEVED TO HEAR OF EMMA'S DEATH: A GREAT
SOLDIER FOR HUMANITY HAS PASSED AWAY

ABRAHAM DESSER

MR PHILLIP KRAMER MARY LYNN JACOB HALPER

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MRS. CHARLES M. KASSLER
1421 CLAYTON STREET
DENVER, COLORADO

May 15 - 1940

Dear Mr. Weinberger

I was distressed to learn
of Emma Goldman's illness and
more distressed to learn of her
death. We were my good friends
in the long long ago. I last saw
Emma in the summer of 1925
in London. She was unhappy
and insecure because of the
limitations of her freedom. I suppose
that those conditions have continued
more or less to the present time.
Her's was an untroubled valiant

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and I have no doubt her
spirit remained uncompromising
to the end. She made her
contribution to the cause of
social justice scars up, blurring
many a ~~poor~~ mind, arousing
many a sluggish spirit. And now
she has located much agony of
mind by leaving this world and
its present turmoil.

Her sister Helena is still
living. Please express to her my
deepest sympathy in her loss.
Sincerely Yours
Grace M. Kassler

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295 VAUGHAN RD

WE MOURN WITH YOU MRS LAD BRUCE UP DEAR HEART SHE FOUGHT
A HARD LONG AND VALIANT FIGHT NOW SHE IS AT REST PEACE TO HER.
THE SEEDS SHE SOWED FIGHTING FOR THE UNDERDOG LIVE ON OUR DEEPEST
SYMPATHY TO ALL WHO MISS HER TO STELLA AND BABSIE DEAR LOVE

BESS HENRY AND BOB

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GREATLY SADDENED BY EMMA'S PASSING. WE MUST REALIZE THIS WAY
WAS BEST TO END HER PAIN. SPOKE TO COOK AND ROSE PESOTTA.
ADVISED MO AND SABS WITH YOU. ROSE ARRIVES NEWYORK NEXT
WEEK. SORRY AM SO FAR AWAY. ALL BOURN EMMA'S PASSING AND SEND
DEEPEST SYMPATHY AND LOVE=

LOU AND RODIE=

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THE GREAT WOMEN OF THE CENTURIES WHO FORSAW A NEW SOCIETY AND
A LARGER LIFE OF PEACE AND HAPPINESS FOR ALL MANKIND-
ARTURO GIOVANNITTI

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TO ALL RELATIVES FRIENDS AND COMRADES OF OUR DEAR BELOVED
EMMA WE ARE WITH YOU IN OUR COMMON GRIEF AND BEREAVEMENT
STOP EMMA'S NAME WILL LIVE ON IN OUR HEARTS AND SOULS AS
ONE OF THE FINEST CHAMPIONS IN THE CAUSE OF LIBERTY AND
SOCIAL JUSTICE STOP HER EXAMPLE WILL ALWAYS BE AN INSPIRATION
IN THE PRESENT DAYS OF DARKNESS AND HUMILIATION AND GIVE
US THE STRENGTH IN OUR FIGHT FOR A BETTER FUTURE IN
SPITE OF EVERYTHING STOP FAREWELL EMMA STOP=

RUDOLPH AND MILLY ROCKER.

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9 SPEECH OF HARRY WEINBERGER AT FUNERAL SERVICES OF EMMA GOLDMAN MAY 17, 1940

9 FOR MORE THAN THIRTY YEARS I HAVE KNOWN EMMA GOLDMAN, AS HER LAWYER AND HER FRIEND. NEVER IN ALL THOSE THIRTY YEARS HAVE I KNOWN HER EXCEPT AS A BATTLER FOR FREEDOM AND JUSTICE. SHE WAS TIRELESS; SHE WAS FEARLESS; SHE NEVER COMPROMISED. LIBERTY WAS ALWAYS HER THEME; LIBERTY WAS ALWAYS HER DREAM; LIBERTY WAS ALWAYS HER GOAL.

9 IN A MACHINE AGE, EMMA GOLDMAN ALWAYS SEEMED TO ME THE GLORIFICATION OF INDIVIDUALITY. SHE WAS SYMBOLICAL OF THE GREATNESS OF MENTAL FREEDOM IN AN AGE OF REGIMENTATION.

9 FEAR IS IN THE HEARTS OF MANKIND, AND SOME MEN AND WOMEN, IN A HURRY TO SAVE THE WORLD, WOULD DISPENSE WITH ALL LIBERTY TO FIGHT DICTATORSHIP. IN A WORLD OF MARCHING FEET AND TREMENDOUS BATTLES, ONE MARCHER IS MISSING, ONE

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WARRIOR FOR FREEDOM WILL STRUGGLE NO MORE. THE PLEA FOR LIBERTY HAS BEEN MADE A THOUSAND TIMES, AYE, TEN THOUSAND TIMES; BUT ALWAYS NEEDS REPEATING. THERE IS ONE TONGUE LESS TO MAKE THAT PLEA TODAY.

EMMA GOLDMAN IS GONE, GONE TO A DREAMLESS SLEEP, GONE TO JOIN THAT ARMY OF MEN AND WOMEN OF THE PAST TO WHOM LIBERTY WAS MORE IMPORTANT THAN LIFE ITSELF.

EMMA GOLDMAN IN HER LIFETIME HAD BEEN OSTRACIZED JAILED, MOBBED, AND DEPORTED FROM THESE SHORES FOR ADVOCATING THAT WHICH ALL THE WORLD NOW ADMITS SHOULD BE, -- BROUGHT ABOUT -- A WORLD WITHOUT WAR, A WORLD WITHOUT POVERTY, A WORLD WITH HOPE AND THE BROTHERHOOD OF MAN.

COURAGE IS THE GREATEST FORCE IN INDIVIDUALS AND NATIONS. COURAGE IN EMMA GOLDMAN WAS AS NATURAL TO HER AS IT WAS FOR HER TO BREATHE. SHE SPOKE OUT IN THIS COUNTRY AGAINST WAR AND CONSCRIPTION, AND WENT TO JAIL. SHE SPOKE OUT FOR POLITICAL PRISONERS, AND WAS DEPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES ON THE VERY DAY WE CELEBRATED THE SAILING TO AMERICA OF*

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THE MAYFLOWER IN COLONIAL DAYS. SHE SPOKE OUT IN RUSSIA AGAINST THE DESPOTISM OF COMMUNISM, AND AGAIN BECAME A FUGITIVE ON THE FACE OF THE EARTH. SHE SPOKE OUT AGAINST NAZIISM AND THE COMBINATION OF NAZIISM AND COMMUNISM, AND THERE WAS HARDLY A PLACE WHERE SHE COULD LIVE.

9 EMMA GOLDMAN, WE WELCOME YOU BACK TO AMERICA, WHERE YOU WANTED TO END YOUR DAYS WITH FRIENDS AND COMRADES. WE HAD HOPED TO WELCOME YOU BACK IN LIFE - BUT WE WELCOME YOU BACK

IN DEATH. YOU WILL LIVE FOREVER IN THE HEARTS OF YOUR FRIENDS AND THE STORY OF YOUR LIFE WILL LIVE AS LONG AS THE STORIES ARE TOLD OF WOMEN AND MEN OF COURAGE AND IDEALISM. •
(UNSIGNED)..

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Reitman

32 W. State Street, Chicago, Ill.
May 18, 1940.

My dear Hutchins Hapgood:

In the sacred, historic cemetery, Waldheim, in Chicago, we saw Emma Goldman buried yesterday. The burial plot was underneath the protecting arms of the female figure in the Chicago anarchists monument, under which is buried the Chicago anarchists. The bells were tolling, and her friends and comrades were weeping softly. A kindly sun that had watched over her for almost 71 years was setting. A Great Soul had returned to earth, and she rests where she wanted to rest, within 50 feet of Voltaireine Le Clerge and the Chicago anarchists, who had inspired her. Bill Haywood's ashes had been scattered over the same soil soon after he died in Russia.

It is a comfort to know that Emma is at rest, at peace, on American soil. She loved America and believed in the highest type of Whittier, Jefferson, Thoreau, Emerson democracy. She wanted to save America from the tyranny and the war spirit of Europe. For Emma, to be buried at a time that millions of men with modern machines are destroying one another. Emma had talked to so many of the English, French, German, Dutch and Belgians who were fighting. Emma had spoken to probably a million Americans. She said in the introduction of her "Anarchism and other essays", "My great faith in the spoken word is no more. I realize its inadequacy to awaken thoughts or even emotions."

Emma believed in the written word. She wrote one of the world's great autobiographies, the best book on the social drama and a text book on anarchism. Some of her best articles appeared in "Mother Earth." I think you will agree that her best work as an anarchist propagandist and the happiest and most useful decade in her life was spent with me.

Stella Ballantyne brought the body of Emma Goldman in from Canada. Stella looked so worn and weary, but she was as alert as ever and exercised that brilliant executive judgment that she has always possessed. She had dinner last night with Joe and ~~Wendell~~ Margaret Wapman and Matt Schmidt. When I put her on the train this morning to return to New York, she said, "Be sure and write Hapgood, and thank him for his good letter." I doubt if E.G. was able to read your letter to her.

Hapgood, you were very precious to Emma, so was your wife Keith Boyce, and your nephew Powers. We had such wonderful times together. We lived and we loved. And we formed our ideals. "And now it's over: it's the finish to our fun." Berkman, Emma Goldman, Jonowsky are resting quietly. Hippolyte Havel is living simply at the Ferrer Colony. He has physical security and intellectual unrest. Max Baginsky is on a little farm in Pennsylvania, not too well. Sadiklohi Hartmann is living in a little shack out in Benning, California, happy in his own inimitable way. And you and I quietly sit and wait for the call. At least we have some little economic security and we have the great blessing of being by our children and watching them develop.

A newspaper man asked me "what did Emma accomplish?" Yes, it is true there is more hatred, war, unemployment than there was when we started. There is less freedom and less desire for voluntary cooperative society than there was when she and Haywood and Eugene Hobbs and John Most started out, in the '80s. "Unto Emma it was given to know the mystery of the Kingdom of Men. She was an oracle, crying in the wilderness, 'All Governments rest upon violence and tyranny and lead to war. Only the man with the vision of freedom and courage to take it is worthy of it.' Emma Goldman will live and go down through history as the greatest woman in the 20th century. And whoever writes honestly about her will have to mention that for ten glorious years Ben Reitman loved and served her."

Sincerely,

Ben L. Reitman

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Yours sincerely,

JOHN HAYNES HOLMES,
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Chairman

Rose darling: I hope you like it. I will call you in the morning. You must be up to your neck. Wish I could have seen the pageant. Would like to attend a session. Could you get me in? I will phone you before nine. We will have organ solos to begin and end program. Love. Stella

I was thrilled by the account of the pageant. How I would have loved to see it. Wouldn't Emma have loved it!

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~~Name~~ ~~Destination~~ ~~Date~~ ~~But~~

It is with deep regret that I cannot attend the memorial meeting to pay tribute to our dear, beloved Emma - The all too little time that I had ~~the good fortune~~ & spent with her was, indeed, ~~too short~~ most exhilarating, interesting and ~~to say the~~ informative and will be cherished as long as I live.

I first met Emma, when I was a young girl, still in elementary school. There is one period which is very clear in my mind. My father had been stricken with rheumatic fever - and, of course, (He was one the very active ardent comrades in Toronto) and Emma, ever generous, ~~would come~~ would come ~~to~~ almost every day, climb to the third floor (the attic) of our home on Bathurst Street and administer

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her nursing services with love
 and devotion. ^{She was a trained nurse} She always found the time to give
 a helping hand.
 Then, after her ~~long absence~~ stay
 in Spain I had the good fortune
 to become her Secretary on one
 of her other visits to Toronto. I ^{was} then
 in my early teens &
 shall never forget how patient
 she was with me the first
 time I took a letter. She dictated
 rather speedily and, of course,
 being very inexperienced couldn't
 keep up the pace - I would stop
 short & get left behind - and
 say timidly, "Emma, I got lost."
 She would stop and very patiently -
 she had a world of patience with
 me - retrace her thoughts and
 we would start all over again.
 When she went to Montreal
 to give a series of lectures, I
 accompanied her. While there
 she hovered over me like a
 mother hen - She several months

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that I lived with her - she had
a small apartment - she ~~did~~
~~all the cooking and performed~~
all of the household duties
and including the preparation
of meals - each one of which
was a very pleasant surprise -
she was an excellent ^{Gourmet} cook -

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knowledgable, enlightening and most
 interesting experience and I am
 forever grateful that I was
 given the opportunity of living
 and working with my beloved
 "Red" Emma.

~~Emma brought up in such an~~
~~environment~~
~~that she brought up in such an~~
~~environment that she made me aware~~
~~of the fact that she was~~

Papa died a comparatively young
 man - age 56 - and was vitally
 interested in all of his activities. Even
 as he lay ill in the hospital, ~~he~~
~~wrote letters that had to be written~~
~~affixed his signature to important Union~~
~~papers and always had the~~
 he ~~never~~ was vitally interested
 in all of his varied activities
 and always by his side was
 his beloved F. A. S.

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SPEECH BY ROSE PESOTTA AT THE MEMORIAL MEETING FOR EMMA GOLDMAN, TOWN HALL, NEW YORK CITY

It is fitting that I stand here before you tonight for many reasons. Emma Goldman was, during the past several years, my close personal friend, my comrade, my fellow-worker and we had the same beginnings here. Both of us came to these shores, she many years before I, young, Russian-Jewish immigrant girls, both of us went to work in sweat-shops under much the same conditions.

I arrived at the time when Emma was at the height of her career, but because she had lived and worked for labor I did not need to suffer the same appalling sweatshops she endured when as a girl of sixteen she arrived in this golden land of the free and home of the brave.

Because of what she did as a pioneer do I stand before you today representing 250,000 organized workers in the ladies' garment industry with educational and organization facilities and achievements second to none, contributing not only to the wellbeing of the workers in decent wages, short hours, but making our contribution to the cultural life of North America as well. Such productions like PINS & NEEDLES spring directly from the efforts she made in our behalf and one of my deep griefs, among many, is that she did not live to see the pageant staged on the opening day of our Convention at Madison Square Garden, and which will be repeated at some future date. She would have seen the spirits of her martyred Chicago comrades walking the earth, she would have witnessed the cries of the Triangle shirt-waistmakers as they perished in that dreadful fire, she would have

~~again seen and heard my beloved~~

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again seen and heard her beloved comrades, Sacco and Vanzetti in the flesh and her soul would have rejoiced. It is a pity that we could not bring her back in time. She would have gone to her rest content.

I need not tell of her many sided- activities, other speakers, Emma's comrades, are better qualified to pay tribute to her. I knew her only in exile. Our several meetings occurred in Montreal, Canada, 1934; France, during the Syndicalist Convention, 1937; in London, England, in 1938, and again in Canada in 1939 on her birthday and, the last time we met was on September 29th at the last banquet in honor of her 50th anniversary in labor and the libertarian movement, in Toronto. At that banquet we established an Emma Goldman Fund for the benefit of Spanish exiles now scattered all over the face of the globe.

I was privileged to be one of her closest friends during the last few years of her life - an honor and joy that will never leave me and our friendship will inspire me to endeavor to carry on, as much as I can, our work for labor, for freedom from oppression for all mankind and liberty for the individual, economic, social and cultural. Time will not dim her memory. Her indomitable, militant spirit and legend will grow with the years, a mounting inspiration to all of us who knew her as one of the outstanding women leaders of our generation, and a tradition those who follow us will be happy and proud to reverence.

From the Pacific Coast I came to Chicago to pay my tribute and take a last farewell of my beloved friend and comrade, Emma Goldman. She looked so beautiful to me, on her last resting place, with the SIA-FAI banner draping her coffin and floral offering from all over the country from labor, friends and organizations heaped about. Thousands of people passed her pier to pay their final tribute and bid her farewell.

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The speeches and services were inspiring - those present seemed to have caught some of Emma's own flaming spirit and her unmatched eloquence.

As she was carried from the hall, thousands of people lined the streets, in silence. The sun, after three days of gloom, came out. As we approached historic Waldheim Cemetery, the chimes from the Chapel rang out a requiem. Irving Abrams, her comrade from Free Society, read the lines from the Gravedigger's scene in Hamlet, and there, heaped with flowers, in the sunshine, with birds singing, we laid her to rest beside her Chicago comrades - asleep for 50 years - her spiritual fathers to whom she owed her birth into the Anarchist movement, and not far away from her old friend and co-worker, our own Voltarine de Cleyr. From the hundreds of offerings her niece and I took two large bouquets, unwittingly, we selected my own flowers and those of one of Emma's closest friends, to lay on Voltarine's grave. Dr. Ben Reitman, her associate for ten years as co-worker and manager, took some red roses and placed them in the arms of the heroic statue which is a beacon to all who visit Waldheim. That consoling scene will linger forever in my memory. I know she rests in peace in the soil of this country she loved and served so well; and humanity throughout the ages will pay homage to the sacred spot.

She was laid to rest on the eve of an anniversary - May 18th.

For on May 18th, 1906, Alexander Berkman, her lifelong comrade and companion, was released from his prison and from then on May 18th was always a holiday and a day of rejoicing for her.

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Coincidentally, the steel workers organizing committee of the CIO held a convention in Chicago during the week of Emma's funeral. Little did the organized steel workers know what part Alexander Berkman and Emma Goldman played in their endeavors to establish decent humane working conditions in their much exploited steel mills. As far back as 1893 Alexander Berkman encouraged by Emma Goldman, went to avenge the death of the Homestead martyrs who were shot down in cold blood by the Pinkerton hirelings of the steel magnates. So you see, my friends, at the funeral of Emma, Sacha's spirit was there, too.

Emma's passing left a void, not only in my heart but in the hearts of many who shared her work and ideal. For she was one of the great women in history - because she was human, too human, she was a living, inspiring, understanding friend and leader to all of us.

Hail and farewell, dearly beloved, may your great work go on and your dream of a free humanity come to pass.

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[May 1940]

EMMA GOLDMAN MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

S. J. Levy, Treasurer
Irving S. Abrams, Secretary
188 West Randolph Street
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Comrades:—

Prior to the death of our beloved comrade, Emma Goldman, she expressed a desire to be buried near the monument of our Haymarket martyre at Waldheim Cemetery, Forest Park, Illinois, and in accordance with her wishes, her body was brought to Chicago and interred at Waldheim Cemetery.

The Emma Goldman Memorial Committee, organized in this city, advanced the money for the funeral expenses, and has also purchased the land necessary for the erection of a monument at Waldheim. The cost of the funeral, cemetery lot, monument, and perpetual care, will approximate \$3000.00. We are now calling upon all groups to raise funds for this purpose.

Comrade Emma Goldman dedicated her entire life to the Anarchist Movement which she espoused in her youth, and it behooves her comrades to erect a suitable monument in her memory and in memory of the gallant fight which she carried on for the liberation of human thought. The grave of Emma Goldman is located approximately one hundred feet south of the Haymarket monument, just beyond the grave of Nina Spies and near the grave of Voltairins DeClaire. Every year thousands of persons conduct their pilgrimage to the monument of our Haymarket martyrs to pay their annual tribute to the memory of our dear comrades, and it is imperative that the grave of Emma Goldman located near this monument shall be a suitable memorial for her services to the peoples of the world.

Will you kindly submit this matter to your group and see that action is taken at the earliest possible date.

Yours sincerely,

Irving S. Abrams
Secretary.

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Chilmark, Mass. June 3

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Dearest MEB, -

I enclose a program that will interest you, - the last chapter in a long and very fruitful friendship. I think I owe more to E. G. than to anybody for the essential direction of such philosophy of social relations as I have. She opened up a world of thought and ideals at a time I needed something more searching than sociology and social work! And I have never strayed far from the moorings I put down then.

The family have just moved down here for the summer and the baby acts like an old inhabitant already. My father is here, doting on her, and fixed for a long stay as nurse and handyman. He's as good as you are at 80 something, which is saying a lot. I go back to N. Y. for June, camping at Oklanaad in a cabin by a roaring mountain brook. I have sold the old camp on the Mackensack with a heart-break, - because I used it so little and neighbors got too close.

Evelyn sends her love; mine ever.



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NORMAN THOMAS

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ROSE PESOTTA
of the I.L.G.W.U.

HARRY KELLY

MARTIN GUDALL

Miss Goldman's guide in Spain

RUDOLF ROCKER
(In Yiddish)

DOROTHY ROGERS

ELIOT WHITE

LEONARD D. ABBOTT, will preside

CLIFFORD DEMAREST at the Organ

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Roxbury, Conn.,
June 4, 1940

Dear Stella:

Your letter regarding the memorial meeting reached me the day after, as it had been addressed to New Milford, instead of Roxbury. I have not been at the New Milford address in a year, having bought a smaller place here, and built a bungalow. I knew, however, of the meeting but could not go for various reasons. Indeed, I go to the city very seldom. I am about fifteen miles from Waterbury--- the best place to get a train--- and almost the same distance from New Milford. I have an old car, but it is not in good order, and has reached the stage where it costs more to keep it in repair than it is worth. So I don't drive it, and in fact dislike driving anyway. When I go to New York, I get a neighbor to take me to the nearest railroad point, and sometimes that is difficult.

I have not seen anything about the meeting, nor has anyone written me about it. I have no doubt, however, that many went to it.

Poor Emma always expected to live to a great age, and it is sad that death came when it did for if anyone deserved it she did, to spend the evening of her days happily. On the other hand, this war would have destroyed all hope of that, and might have been serious for her, as she would not have remained silent, and seeing the world going back to savagery would have been intolerable.

I got the news of her illness and later her death over the radio, and the day following from the Times. I thought, by the way, that the Times spoke of her far more sympathetically than I ever expected.

I noticed that it mentioned you and Moe as being in Toronto. It is over twenty years since I have seen Moe, whom I was very fond of. Will you remember me kindly to him. It may be out of your way to come here when you go to your place in the country, but if not I should like to see you again. I may be in the city some time later in the summer, and shall call when I do.

Affectionately,

Stuart Kerr

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New York, June 22, 1940

Mr. Leonard Ross
One Cedar Street
New York, New York

Dear Sir:

Thanks to the interest of Mrs. Stella Ballantine, the Library has received a group of papers relating to Emma Goldman. It consists largely of letters from Miss Goldman to Mrs. Ballantine, of letters to Miss Goldman from friends, other similar manuscripts, notes and texts of articles or addresses by Miss Goldman, together with various books, pamphlets, newspaper clippings, etc.

In view of your connection with Miss Goldman may we ask if you would care to turn over to us to add to this collection any material of similar character you now may have? The Library feels it will be a privilege to develop this source material about a striking figure and will be grateful for any help you can give to this end.

Truly yours,



H. M. Lydenberg
Director

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Mr. H. M. Lydenberg,
Director,
The New York Public Library,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

It is almost a month since your letter re collection of letters of Emma Goldman came to hand and I remember my promise to send letters within a day or two or at most a few days. I am sorry for the delay and enclose herewith personal letters to myself and copies of letters sent to other friends.

I do not remember having any letters from Miss Goldman while she was in Russia and doubt if she wrote many but I was the first person from the U.S. to see her after she left Russia in the winter of 1921-22. I spent six days with her, Alexander Berkman and another friend from Russia in Stockholm in February 1922 and know that from that time on she developed a very extensive correspondence and to avoid duplication of letters she made copies and often enclosed some of these in her letters to others which accounts for those enclosed. I crossed out addresses of some of the letters but see no reason why these copies should not be sent with those addressed to myself.

I regret not having more letters for during our long and close friendship we exchanged many letters but alas those enclosed are all I have and if they help in some way to an understanding of a great personality I will feel compensated for the loss of a dear friend and comrade.

Sincerely yours,

Harry Kelly

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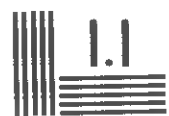
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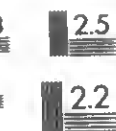
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